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Mystery of explosion on TWA 800

Disintegrating engine or bomb caused death of 228 on board

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND HARVEY ELLIOT

TWO main theories for the cause of a crash which killed all 228 people aboard a TWA jumbo jet shortly after take-off from New York were being urgently pursued by investigators last night: a catastrophic engine disintegration which sprayed red hot shards of metal into highly combustible fuel - or a terrorist bomb.

As speculation raged, President Clinton emphasised in Washington that the reason for the disaster was unknown. "Let's wait until we see the evidence," he said as he hailed rescuers who vainly tried to find survivors in the treacherous waters.

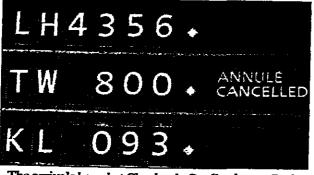
The President told victims' families: "America stands with you." He added, twice: We do not know what caused this tragedy," and said: "I caution the American people against jumping to any con-

Mike McCurry, a White House spokesman, said there had been "a variety of calls". on the eve of the opening of the Olympic Games, claiming responsibility for the crash, but their credibility was doubtful.

Among those killed were 16 high school students and five chaperones from Montoursville. Pennsylvania. on language programme in France, 40 French citizens and 20 from Italy, one of whom, Christine Baily, was reported

to have had a British passport. TWA flight 800, bound for Paris, was climbing at 13,400 ft when the explosion occurred. It caught fire and Moriches Inlet, off the southern coast of Long Island. For hours the ocean was covered in flames as the fuel tanks

Eight coastguard cutters



The arrivals board at Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris

and a volunteer flotilla of 500 small boats spent yesterday retrieving bodies from the sea and scanning a 240-square mile area for wreckage of the 25-year-old Boeing 747-100.

Twelve hours after the crash the "rescue" effort was reclassified a "search and recovery" as emergency workers concluded there was no chance of anyone surviving so long in the ocean. Last night it was reported that one of the flight recorders had been retrieved.

Off the coast, the 120-ft deep waters of the Atlantic offered up assorted debris, from pieces of the jumbo's fuselage to charred bodies. Across the area there was a pervasive smell of fuel, and small items of wreckage still carried flickering flames.

The aircraft disappeared from air traffic control radar time on Wednesday, 29 minutes after a take-off which had been delayed an hour for repairs to an item of ground

baggage equipment and by a late passenger. Flying condi-tions were described as perfect. The plane crashed 200 yards south of Fire Island, a skinny strip of land parallel to

Long Island. No other aircraft were reported close to flight 800, but a US military C-130 cargo plane arrived over the zone within minutes, from a training exercise. Colonel William Stratemeier, who was aboard, said: "I saw two large orange fireballs. They looked like comets, coming straight down into the water.

Mike Weiss of the U.S. Air Force, also on the training flight, said: "We were startled by a big flash of light in the sky. The next thing we know we see huge amounts of smoke off the ocean floor." A "Mayday! Mayday!" message was after the explosion, but it was not known if it came from the doomed jet or someone who saw the blast and tried to

be changing to — higher taxes, higher gas and electricity bills,

reducing inward investment,

and less choice in education.

He attacked Labour as

being "hypocrites", claiming

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The TWA Boeing 747 jumbo airliner was 25 years old

piloting a private aeroplane 10 miles from the TWA jet. looked down to see the explosion. "It was the biggest thing I have ever seen in the sky," he

Master Sergeant Dennis Richardson of the New York Air Guard, one of the first to arrive at the scene of the crash after scrambling in a helicopter, said the rescue attempt was frustrated by the inferno fed by the 190,000lb of jet fuel. As dusk turned to a moon-

ess night, emergency workers struggled in the darkness. They were helped by "midnight-sun* floodlights, nightvision goggles, flares and infrared heat-sensing radars on many of the helicopters which scrambled to the scene. The difficulties were compounded by a summer fog, and a 15-knot breeze later made the waters choppy. Yesterday the ocean was calm. allowing coastguards to recov-er scores of bodies, which were placed in black bags and taken to land. Among the flotsam were duffel bags, armrests, shoes, a wallet — and a letter written by a mother to her daughter.

In France, a trauma centre was opened at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport, where realtions and friends of flight 800's passengers arrived. Some had not heard of the crash. Amid ved at the airport holding a single rose which she had plucked from a vase at home. President Chirac sent his condolences to President Clinton.

Victims' families at New York's Kennedy airport were taken by bus to a hotel where they were comforted by Red Cross volunteers, priests and

The city's mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, who was a friend of Continued on page 2, col 5 Terrorism fear, pages 2 & 3





Chief quits

The chief executive of English Heritage resigned yesterday following a report into "alleged administrative irregularities". Chris Green's departure, with immediate effect, was announced in a brief statement. Mr Green, a former British Rail manager, earned £!01,000 a year.

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Major rallies the troops with tilt at divided Labour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR gave Conser-vative MPs their battle orders last night, telling them to stop being "bystanders or commentators" and to become advocates for the party and the policies in which they passionately believed.

In an end-of-session rallying call to the 1922 Committee, the Prime Minister told MPs to take their message to the party and the country over the summer and the autumn and to ask themselves every day whether they had done something to help Tories win the

His call for an end to bickering was bolstered by Sir Marcus Fox, the committee's chairman. He said all MPs should take a "vow of silence" unless they had something

supportive to say.
Mr Major told the Tories that he sensed the mood of the country changing and declared that Labour was unravelling. The morale of Tory MPs has been boosted by clear indications of differences at the top of the Labour leadership over the Tube strike. Last night Mr Major called on Tony Blair and John Prescott and others on the front bench to say that they condemned

the strike. Mr Major virtually con-firmed to his MPs that the election will be next April or

48 children hurt as bus hits bridge

By Adam Fresco

AT LEAST 48 schoolchildren were injured yesterday when the roof of their double-deck May when he said: "Don't take a holdiday next spring".

The Government signalled bus was ripped off when it hit a low bridge in Cheshire. Fifteen of the children, aged esterday that it will have full between five and ten, were final programme. The seriously hurt and last night

some were being operated on for head injuries. Queen's Speech for the last session has been set for Octo-ber 23, far earlier than usual, The bus was taking them and the Budget for November home after an end-of-term trip to Waterworld in Stoke when Mr Major told MPs that it crashed into the concrete when voters said it was time for a change, they should be reminded of what they might and iron pedestrian bridge along a busway at Murdi-

shaw, Runcorn. Evan Morris of Cheshire Fire Brigade said that the roof had been torn off from the front to the back just above the level of the seats. Residents from nearby houses helped to carry the children from the bus and laid them on the

The bus was carrying 76 children and two teachers from Palace Fields Junior School in Runcorn.

to 18 year olds, claiming to be The busway is a network of then backing the social chapsingle-carriageways that encircles the town and is desig-The Prime Minister also confirmed that he would block nated for local buses only. The crash is believed to have happened on a road set aside for single deckers.

Richard Oswick, a spokesman for the Mersey Regional Ambulance Service, said: "It was horrific. The bus had tried to go under a concrete footbridge which was too low. It simply ripped the roof clean off it." Labour split and Peter Riddell, page 11

Judge says fiend who killed Sophie must not be freed

By KATE ALDERSON AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE man who raped and murdered seven-year-old Sophie Hook was given three life who called for greater protec-

tion for children.

Mr Justice Curtis recommended that Howard Hughes, 31, should never be freed and asked police to send their report on the case to the Home Office. This case seems to be a clarion call for immediate steps to be taken to improve society's protection of its children," he said.

There seems to be nothing in the way of a statutory system which enables responsible professionals to supervise and control a man like Howard Hughes." It emerged at the end of the

19-day trial at Chester Crown Court that the killer had been linked to a string of sex attacks on children before taking Sophie from her uncle's garden in Llandudno, Gwynedd. She disappeared while sharing a tent with her sister and two cousins after a family party. Her body was found on a nearby beach the next morning.

Hughes, known as Mad Howard in his home town of Colwyn Bay, had been under surveillance by police for 16 years and had confessed to a paedophile friend that he wanted to murder a child Mr Justice Curtis told him:

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are every parent's nightmare come to pass. No girl is or ever

life sentences, one for murder

and one each on the two rape

The sentence was greeted

with applause and cheering

from the public gallery. Hughes, in tears, mouthed "I

didn't kill her" as he was led

Christopher, who have three other children, were too dis-

tressed to attend court. Danny

Jones, Sophie's uncle, held his

head in his hands and wept as

sentence was passed.

Sophie's parents, Julie and

charges. Hughes had pleaded

will be safe from you." The judge then passed three

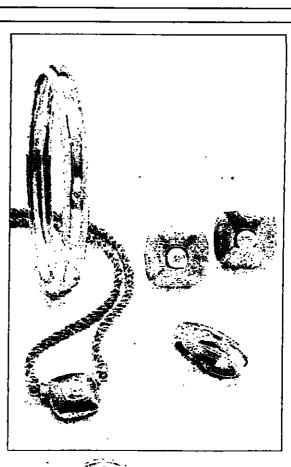
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Air catastrophe increases fears in US of fanatics' attacks, admits Pentagon

AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE PENTAGON admitted yesterday that growing fears about terrorism and national security were now the prime focus of America's defence community.

Although the cause remained unknown, the charred wreckage of Flight 800 in the waters off Long Island has concentrated minds even further. "Terrorism and national security are issues that are receiving a lot of horsepower in this building," said a senior Pentagon official. "And it's the focus of all the people at the

William Perry, the Defence Secretary, is taking the lead in the Clinton Administration's battle against both domestic and international terrorism. "Perry has been doing a lot of thinking about this since Saudi Arabia and, although he has been specific about troops. his message in conversations here is very broad," said the official. "We need to find ways to prevent this happening in the future. We need to improve intelligence and inter-agency

TERRORISM

nounced drastic changes in measures to protect American troops in Saudi Arabia from chemical and biological weapons and from terrorist bombs larger than the one that killed 19 American airmen in Dhahran last month. As many as 4,000 troops, or about twothirds of the garrison, will be moved to more remote areas of the desert kindgom after the Pentagon received intelligence

year in which 168 died. In Washington last week, parking spaces were taken away from all federal buildings. White House, which had been tightened after various apparent attacks from gunmen and others, have been kept at the

Attempts by Congress to reopen parts of Pennsylvania Avenue have been all but

vetoed by the Secret Service

Clinton against the measure.

tion yesterday over whether

more should be done to ensure

airline safety, but he acknowl-edged that his Government

had already been taking a

number of steps to upgrade

the ability of the US to protect

US troops who will be

visually and electronically

monitoring vehicles and pack-

ages will not be armed. They

are relying on about 50 local

law enforcement agencies for

which has warned President

Mr Clinton ducked a ques-

6 Americans have become inured to the inconvenience of security measures and the horror of bombs ?

reports suggesting terrorists

The basis of concern in the Clinton Administration is twofold. On the one hand, America has faced terrorist attacks by foreign cells in Dhahran, in Riyadh last November, and on its own soil at the World Trade Centre in New York three years ago. But the threat from homegrown bombers has provoked further anxiety since the

Like Britons learning to live with IRA threats, Americans have now become inured to the everyday inconveniences of security measures at airports and buildings and to the

work of terrorists.

horrors of bombings.

Holiday concern: Travel officials are bracing themselves for a sudden drop in the number of American visitors to Britain should the TWA crash have been caused by a bomb. Last year 3,259,000 Americans came to Britain and in the first four months of this year - not the peak time

figure will have been exceeded a further 5 per cent. Other countries in Europe which rely on Americans to boost their foreign earnings will also be watching for signs of a decline in visitor numbers. The standard package "milk run" around Europe is to land first in London, spend up to a week in Britain, then move on



President Clinton urged caution after the crash: "Don't jump to conclusions."

THE WORST

THE death toll in yesterday's crash makes it the second-worst aviation accident in American history, and the 15th worst worldwide.

☐ 583 — March 27, 1977: A KLM Boeing 747 and PanAm 747 collided and burst into flames on runway at Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands. ☐ 520 — August I2, 1985: A Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 crashed into Mount

Osutaka. ☐ 350 — January 8, 1996: At least 350 died when an Antonov-32 cargo plane crashed into a market in Kinshasa, Zaire. ☐ 346 — March 3, 1974: A

Turkish Airlines DCIO crashed into a forest northeast of Paris shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport. ☐ 329 — June 23, 1985: An Air India Boeing 747 plunged into the sea off the irish coast, apparently following an explosion. □ 301 — August 19, 1980: Saudi Arabian Airlines

TriStar caught fire at Riyadh airport.

290 — July 3, 1988: Iran Air A300 Airbus shot down over the Gulf by the US warship Vincennes. 🗍 273 — May 25, 1979: An American Airlines DC10 crashed after take-off from Chicago's O'Hare Interna-

tional Airport ☐ 270 — December 21. 1988: PanAm 747 crashed on Lockerbie. Scotland, killing 259 people aboard and !I in Lockerbie. □ 269 — September 1

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1983: Korean Air Lines 747 shot down by a Soviet fighter. - April 26. 1994: China Airlines Airbus crashed and exploded at

Nagoya, Japan. □ 261 — July 11, 1991: Chartered Canadian DC-8 gency landing at Jeddah. crashed during an emer- November 28. 1979: Air New Zealand DCIO from Auckland to the South Pole hit Mount Erebus in Antarctica. ☐ 256 - December 12, 1985: Arrow Air DC8 chartered by US military crashed after take-off from Newfoundland.

□ 223 — May 26, 1991: Lauda-Air Boeing 767-300 exploded in midair. (Reuter)

working to implement mea-sures in an anti-terrorism Bill This week Mr Perry anto Paris, Rome and Madrid. Oklahoma City bombing last Atlanta goes on state of war alert

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

SECURITY for today's opening of the Olympic Games by President Clinton has been stepped up amid fears that the TWA disaster may have been the result of a terrorist bomb.

The airport in Atlanta was yesterday placed on level four security for the first time since the Gulf War. This means that only travellers with tickets can enter terminal buildings. As part of the £200-million

Olympic security operation. more than 30,000 troops, police and federal agents were on stand-by yesterday await-Guests at the President's ho-

OLYMPIC SECURITY

tel, which is already ringed by armed guards, were given

William Rathburn, head of Olympic security, said: "We have done everything possible. Our security system is in place, we have hundreds of thousands of people involved in the effort. We have invested hundreds of millions of dollars. I think we are as ready as we can be."

A spokesman at the local Hartsville Airport, which is welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors for the opening ceremony, said security

lavish show will be broadcast to an estimated 3.5 billion people worldwide.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, has emphasised that a military presence will provide insurance against violence at the Games. Security had already been tightened after last month's terrorist bombing that killed 19 Americans near Dhahran in Saudi Arabia.

was being increased. The

The FBI is also involved.

Many people in Atlanta remember the attack by Arab terrofists that killed II Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972. The CIA has provided the Olympic security organisers with an assessment of the threats posed by extremist groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas.

Security officers in Atlanta have staged mock hijackings and bombings, and made plans for counter-measures to nerve gas and germ attacks. During one rehearsed operation on the subway earlier this year, however, one of the "kidnappers" escaped and four hostages "died".

The Adams Collection sale made £5.5 million. 4 world records were smashed. Country Life said: "The sound of grinding teeth was audible at Sotheby's and Christie's...."

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Lax security Airport opens crisis centre denied by **Athens**

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

GREEK civil aviation authorities yesterday ruled out the possibility that a security lapse at Athens Airport on Wednesday could have placed the illfated TWA Boeing 747 in danger before it took off for New York. Airport officials dismissed the suggestion as

"unacceptable". The plane was about two hours on the ground here," a civil aviation spokesman said. "It was guarded at all times."

GREECE -

passengers bound for New York passed through three separate security con-trols, one by Athens Airport staff and two by TWA staff, the spokesman said.

The Athens connection has touched a raw nerve for the Greek Government. Earlier an unofficial US document warned airline travellers that security at Athens airport was

Since then, according to Greek and American officials, security has been considerably improved.

MOST relatives and friends of

FROM SUSAN BELL AND ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

to counsel the bereaved

passengers were already disproached the large black "arrivals" board "arrivals" board at Charles de Gaulle Airport. A few who had not yet heard the news were merely puzzled. The TWA flight was the only one listed as cancelled out of 30. The notice was later removed completely from the board. Some relatives and friends

sobbed openly; others, obviously in deep shock, looked eerily calm as they were escorted by police, airport officials and medical staff past the barrage of press and through the police cordon to a trauma centre, discreetly tucked away on an upper level of the airport. There a team of 20 psychologists, doctors and Red Cross staff attempted to comfort them. The crisis centre, which was set up after the 1994 hijacking of a French Airbus in Algeria, was quickly reactivated as news of the

disaster came through.

"Help us!" cried a teenage girl in jeans and black shirt through her tears as she threw herself into the arms of an

be her mother. They were quickly led into the trauma

centre by security guards.

"About 50 per cent of the people we are treating still think there is some hope and refuse to accept the accident has happened," said Dr Michel Clerel, the airport's chief medical officer, as he emerged from the centre. Dr Clerel said the psychologists' main task was to listen to the bereaved and to try to help them resign themselves in the uncertainty.

FRANCE

"We have to put them in a mental state of waiting ... before eventually confirming to them the loss of a loved one," he said. "We get them to talk and discuss their feelings with specialists, then we leave them alone for ten or 15 minutes and we speak to them

About 40 people, including several Americans, were being cared for at the centre, where Dr Clerel said there were a total of 50 people in place to TWA officials and airport

authorities set up the trauma centre at Gate 12, Terminal 1. where the flight had been due

The centre comprised three separate rooms: a control room staffed with police, TWA and airport officials, an information centre where trained volunteers drawn from airport staff manned 15 information lines, and a comfortable lounge area with armchairs. small tables and refreshments where the families and friends of victims were received by psychologists and medical

One French journalist who visited the centre said she was moved by the compassionate and gentle approach of the staff towards the bereaved. Although most people seemed to be in deep shock and several were crying, there were no scenes of hysteria, she said. About 40 French nationals

were believed to be among the President Chirac, who is on an official visit to Congo, wrote to President Clinton, expressing his condolences. He spoke of his "strong emo-

Mystery of explosion aboard TWA 800

Continued from page I one of the victims, spent all night with the families of the dead. "They are going through torture, clutching pictures of their relations and looking for answers." he said.

Mr Giuliani added that four people who arrived at the hotel were relieved to discover that their loved ones had taken different flights.

For others, there was no comfort. One woman in her 20s ran into the airport terminal screaming: "I need infor-mation." A middle-aged man, his face white with anguish, shouted: "My daughter was on the flight. I want to know what the hell is going on." The liance of one of the

If a bomb went off in the flight stewardesses telephoned a television station. The man, cabin or a luggage hold, material would have been flung at a speed of 24,000 feet who did not give his name. said he would drive to the per second, at least ten times mortuary "so that I can actually look at her, actually look at **MATTHEW PARRIS IS ON PAGE 4**

faster than if the aircraft broke up in mid air. The bright orange flight data recorder Whatever the cause of the crash is eventually found to be, the disaster will have farand the cockpit voice recorder reaching repercussions for airlines, security, and world air travel generally. The clues that could eventuwill have cut off immediately after the explosion as the electrical supply was severed. ally solve the mystery could lie in the bodies of the victims and But the voice recorder may

show a millisecond of sound. The Boeing 747-100 was built in 1971 and owned briefly the seats, rather than the twisted and waterlogged flight by Eastern Airlines before recorders. TWA. It used to fly the New Using techniques developed in Britain during the Lockerbie bombing jet crash inquiry, American investiga-tors will be looking for traces York to Israel route, and before Wednesday night's flight had been in Athens, where the airport has a dubiof explosives, burn marks, or

ous security record. evidence that metal was The crash is the second hurled into seats from an worst aviation accident in America and the 15th worst worldwide. The jetliner had two captains in the cockpit, both highly experienced. Cap-

tain Steve Snyder, hired by

a routine in-flight review of Captain Ralph Kevorkian, who was hired by the company in 1965. A second com-plete TWA crew of 17 was sitting in the cabin of the plane, which it was scheduled to fly back to America on the

return leg.
The Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday rook control of the investigation and Robert Francis of the US National Transport Safety Board said: There is a suggestion of criminal activity."

Victims' bodies were being

examined for signs of any incendiary accelerant which might strengthen theories of a bomb. The investigation was look at Kennedy airport's security, which has been on a heightened state of alert since the visit of the Pope to New York last October, and because of the Olympic Games, which start today in Atlanta, Georgia.

A 'flare in the sky' before jet broke in two suggests Flight 800 was on fire before it exploded

Lockerbie bomb experts will sift plane wreckage

By HARVEY ELLIOT, AVIATION CORRESPONDENT, AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

BRITISH scientists from the air accident investigation branch at Farmborough and the Ministry of Defence research department are likely to fly to Washington to help to determine whether a bomb was the cause of the TWA

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But witnesses say that the aircraft looked like a "flare" before it broke into two giant orange balls of fire, indicating that it may have been ablaze before it exploded.

The four Pratt and Whitney engines are supposed to with-Jand any failure and prevent shards of metal from rupturing fuel lines or fuel tanks. But there have been many incidents in the past when just such an "impossibility" has happened. Only last week, an engine on a Delta Airlines MD80 jet split apart and sent metal hurtling into the cabin. killing two passengers sitting alongside. It could not happen, said the manufacturers and safety experts, but it did. A British Airtours Boeing 737 burst into flames on the

runway at Manchester Airport when a combustion chamber exploded in an engine, severing fuel lines and causing an internal fire in which 55 people died. Luckily it was on the runway. It could not happen, it had been said.

The Valujet Boeing 737 which crashed into a Florida swamp should also not have caught fire in the air. But it did. There are many other recorded incidents, some of them fatal, which have been collected on accident files which will now be studied by the investigators.

Had such incidents happened as Flight 800 climbed safter take-off on its way from New York to Paris, the effect would have been almost exactly that described by witnesses - the "flare" of ignited fuel from a severed fuel line to the engine, followed by an explosion as the main fuel tanks in the wings were enoughed in the

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aircraft broke into two flaming pieces.

To prove that this was the cause, and not a bomb, investigators will be anxious to examine a reported brief "mayday" call made just before the aircraft disappeared from radar screens. It was so short that air traffic controllers cannot even be certain that it came from the doomed TWA jet. But, if it did, it may also contain background sounds of a fire on board. They will also want to trace each of the engines to establish whether one, or even two, which caused another Boeing 747 to crash into a block of flats in Amsterdam in 1992 with the loss of four crew and 43 people on the ground.

Each time there is an accident, safety is tightened in the hope of preventing anything like it happening again. But in the first six months of this year, 609 people died in world airline accidents compared

Scots offer of helpline

THE families of Lockerbie victims yesterday set up a helpline for relatives of those killed in the American crash (Shirley English

Jim Swire, of UK Families Flight 103, who lost his daughter, Flora, in the Lockerbie disaster, said: "When something like this happens it reminds you of the early days." He hoped TWA had accurate passenger records, which "was not

the case at Lockerbie". Last night the shocked its sympathy to relatives of the American crash vie tims. Stephen Berry, a

with only 206 in the first six months of last year. The deaths occurred in 25 fatal crashes, four of which involved large passenger-carry-Inevitably, questions will be asked about the age of the

TWA jet. It was built in 1971 and first delivered to Eastern before being sold to TWA. But there are hundreds of old jets flying safely around the world. British Airways alone has 15 Boeing 747-100 series which

are of similar age.

Every part has been replaced several times in the carefully monitored series of maintenance checks which all commercial aircraft have to undergo. The Federal Aviation Authority has some of the toughest safety inspection regulations of all, including special modifications and more regular checks on older jets.

The age of the aircraft is, therefore, unlikely to have any direct bearing on the crash. But as an outside chance, the investigators will also be keen bulkhead to establish whether it ruptured and to study the cargo manifest to ensure that it did not contain any inflammable material.

The process of piecing together the final moments of the flight will be far more difficult than the 21-month investigation into the Lockerbie disaster, a British scien-

Professor Anthony Busuttil, of Edinburgh University, was key figure in the 1988 Lockerbie investigation which first confirmed that a bomb was to blame after finding soot deposits on the airframe.

At Lockerbie, scientists managed to collect 90 per cent of the Boeing 747's scattered fuselage, which left a trail 80 miles south of the town. But the TWA wreckage is spread over "a vast area and there is movement of the water", said Professor Busuttil. "Retrieving the bodies and wreckage will



A Red Cross disaster worker at Kennedy Airport in New York supports a relative of a passenger who was on the crashed aircraft

Town mourns for 16 children on school trip

BY OUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SIXTEEN pupils from a small town school died in the disaster, along with five adults who were accompanying them to France for a summer lan-

The children attended Mountoursville High School, northern Pennsylvania, where yesterday fellow pupils and teachers were coming to terms with the loss. The day before they had waved goodbye to their Paris-bound friends who were members of the school's

superintendent, described a

and we have counsellors to take care of people," he said. The 16 children, most from

of the parents have come in

rural homes, had been "bub-bling with excitement" when they left for their trip, their luggage decorated with stickers of the Eiffel Tower. In their bags were French text books containing useful phrases which they practised on each other as they waited to check in at the TWA desk at Kenne-

dy airport "They were exceptional kids, both academically and socially, the kind of kids you'd like to take home and make your own," said Dan Chan-David Black, the school's dler the headmaster.

The wife and niece of Wayne saxophonist, were also among her family for a new home in

the Toulon Jazz Festival said yesterday. The two women were to join Shorter, who was due to play today at the festival.

Also feared to have died in the crash were Vera Feeney, an Irish emigrant from Kilmore in Co Roscommon,

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and her 17-year-old daughter Deirdre. Mrs Feeney was believed to have been travelling to Paris on the first leg of a journey home to Ireland for a summer holiday. Her husband is a TWA employee. She was understood to have left the United States around 20 40 and 70 of the passengers years ago. Italian officials were yester-

day trying to identify 19 pashave been switched to the aircraft after their TWA New York-Rome flight was cancelled because of a crew shortage. They were to have been

joined by Domenico Consales, 66, of White Oak, Pennsylvania, but because he arrived several hours early at Kennedy Airport he was switched to a third flight which arrived at Rome yesterday morning. An airline spokesman said

had been identified. "We are now contacting all the families

were French. The tragedy triggered the use of the 30 counsellors and crisis manage ers who are on call around the Airport. TWA set up a crisis centre for relatives of passengers at Leonardo Da Vinci Airport outside Rome.

As the Oueen and John Major joined other world leaders in sending messages of President Clinton moved swiftly to calm America's fears about terrorist attacks in the wake of the explosion, which came just hours before the opening of the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr Clinton said: "We do not

You could see balls of flame, then everything disappeared'

AND MICHAEL KALLENBACH

RESIDENTS of the Hamptons, the fashionable Long Island enclave, were barbecuing supper in their gardens and strolling on the beach, awaiting sunset, when they saw a flash of light and looked up to see TWA Flight 800's fiery descent to the waters of

Mike Gilligan, from Westhampton, said: "At first it was like a fireworks display. The plane jaggedly exploded all sorts of debris across the sky. I waited, expecting to hear a sonic boom. Fifteen seconds later came a low rumble, followed by the sight of black 'smoke."

Marie Murray, from East Moriches, said: "I heard a very loud boom, followed by another. I was on the phone to a friend at the time and said. 'God, did you hear that?' My whole house shook. I saw a cluster of red."

Roland Penney and his son Randy were near the beach when they saw the crash. They immediately jumped into their boat and hurried to the site. finding debris floating on the surface. "Horrible, horrible," said Mr Penney Snr. who steered his boat as near as he dared to the Boeing 747's burning jet fuel.

We were looking for survivors and hoped to find someone holding on to a lifejacket.



New Jersey police bring crash victims' bodies ashore

We found two people, who were dead, still strapped into their seats. There were no burn marks on the people we saw." Other reports, however, spoke of bodies being badly

Victor Fehner, 47, who was in the shallows on his 17ft dinghy, said: "It looked like the wing came off. You could see two balls of flame, then everything disappeared."

lackie Marlow, who had just been fishing, said: "There was a great lire. Eventually the plane just spread apart and there was a loud thump. I felt the tremor when it hit the

water.'

Westhampton Beach, said: "It was this comet-like explosion in the sky. There was a column of fire all the way to the water, straight down."

June O'Reilly, a dentist living in Amagansett, on the tip of eastern Long Island, was driving home from Manhattan along the Long Island Expressway, when "I suddenly saw this golden glow in the air. It looked like a firebomb

in the sky." She immediately turned to a local radio station. I had hoped it was a mechanical failure," she said. "But my gut reaction tells me something

Paris regularly — she was last there in April to run in the marathon - said that only last weekend she had been at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington where she viewed a new exhibition on TWA and its role in aviation history.

Dawn Davis, who is the bookkeeper at Larry's Crab House in East Moriches on Long Island, said: "The streets are closed, and the Coast Guard, which is next door to where I work, is only allowing the media back." Dan Pulick, 22, a mainte-

nance worker, was driving to meet some friends in Westhampton Beach when suddenly he saw what he described as a little ball in the sky over my head. I wasn't sure what I was witnessing. thought it was coming down pretty quickly. Then a third of the way before the ocean, it exploded and there was this huge ball of fire.

I have never seen anything this big before. It gained speed as it exploded. I was 500 yards from the beach, and in my car I could feel the explosion. It must have shaken everything around me for miles."

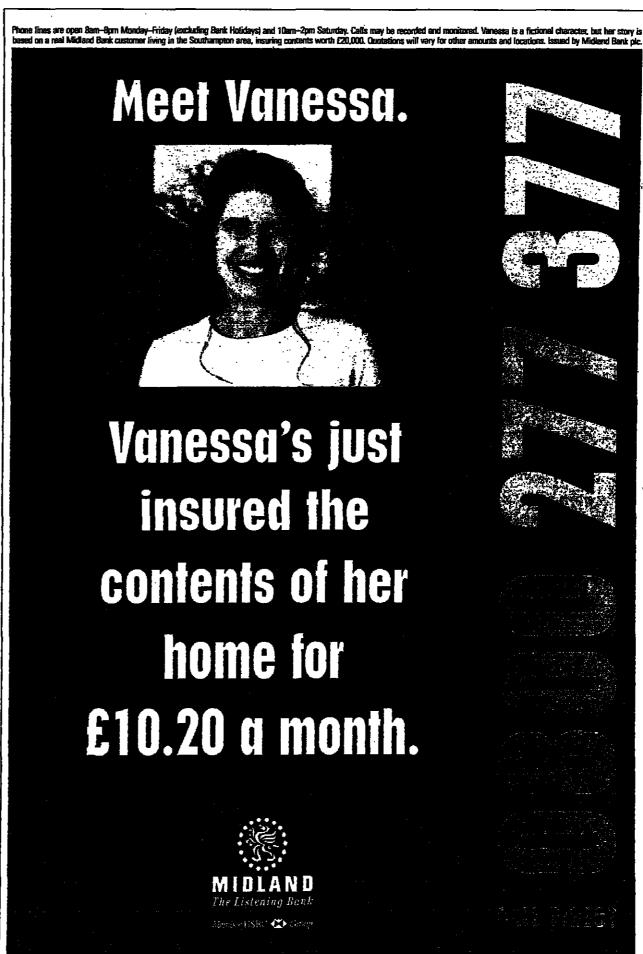
Mr Pulick and a friend went to view what had happened from the top of a nearby building with a pair of binoculars. "I drove down to the scene soon after that, and with all the helicopters I realised there was nothing I could do."

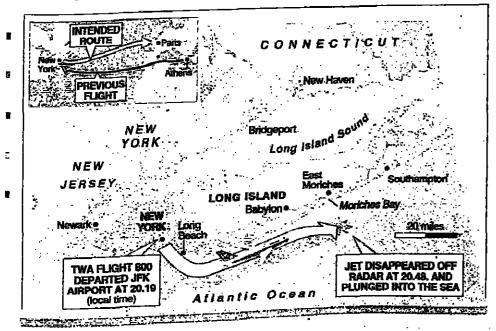
HIV-infected blood aboard

Moriches, New York: Rescue crews searching for survivors are keeping a lookout for an eight-litre container of blood contaminated with HIV, the virus that causes Aids, according to the US Coast Guard.

Dr Alfred Saah of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institution said the risk of rescue workers becoming contaminated was close to nil. He added that if the container broke on impact the risks were even less because the blood would be diluted in the ocean and that the virus could not survive.

The Coast Guard did not say why the blood was being carried on the fight. (AFP)





Hogging the limelight: a bad afternoon with Ann and Nick

ton is the Conserva-tive MP for a Cheshire seat, Macclestield. Mrs Ann Winterton represents a neighbouring constituency, Congleton She, too, is a Tory. The couple are married.

Nicholas (if we may be so familiar) sits on the front bench below the gangway. Ann (if she will permit us) sits a couple of rows behind him. As a duo, they bring to the Commons a sort of Gothic version of the former daytime TV show, Good Morning

eith Anne and Nick, in which their guests are tortured until they surrender, beg for mercy.

Both were in their places for Agriculture Questions yesterday. Both wanted to ask about farming. They were not quite close enough to share a sofa.

but ideologically they do. Their special guest for the afternoon was the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg. But unlike the other Anne and Nick, this Ann and Nick were not there to put their interviewee at his ease. Poor Mr the couple, and subjected to jeers from much of his audience — the opposition side from the start. There was no orange juice, no curtains, no pastel colours and no plants. Just Betty Boothroyd, looking grim, and a couple of uniformed men from the Serjeant at Arms department.

Anne and Nick would invite their guests to sit down. Ann and Nick made theirs stand up, facing in the wrong direc-tion and obliged to crane



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

AFFRONT to the SOVER-EIGNTY and INTEGRITY of this PARLIAMENT? Does Nick, first, with the knee and boot he is the hard man of the my Rt Hon friend not agree duo. He chose BSE and the European Court as his stick with ME that the EUROwith which to beat Hogg, and PEAN COURT is a court of **VESTED INTERESTS?"** began to shout.

Mr Hogg, turning on the spit, begged leave to express himself in more moderate terms, as the audience jeered. Nothing is ever understated with this Nick. Every word, every "it", "an" or even "the" is belted out. "Is this not an

She is less brutal in her style the soft cop: chillingly courteous at all times.

She chose the Common Agricultural Policy with which to abuse her guest a cruel little inquiry about the relative sizes of agricultural holdings, Herr Fischler, and the British disadvantage. Ann said "Herr Fischler" with

special menace.
"Quite right!" shouted Nick,
as Ann finished her question, further discomfitting their guest, who stammered out (to

what Ann and Nick knew was an impossible question) the best reply he could. More jeers. Then the couple re-leased their interviewee to be kicked around by members of the audience, their work done. Watching Hogg's subsequent torments. Nick looked

relaxed - sunk onto his bench with a jovial brutality. Ann pursed her lips a little and watched tensely, like a bird of prey. Neither of them

Readers who have ever heard The Jamesons on BBC

sketch's proposal that, beyond daytime TV. the Members for Macelesfield and Congleton might like to do a hard-core radio show, The Wintertons. later at night. Unlike Derek and Ellen Jameson, who only tease, Nick and Ann might aim to get their guests to cry. live and on air.

But they had better get their bid in fast. For the day is coming when, for sheer, creepy, flesh-tingling horror, The Blairs will out-chill every

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Lilley asks for tenders to operate child benefit

By Dominic Kennedy SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE handover of 1800 civil servants to a private company. the first step in privatising the Department of Social Security, will be announced by Peter Lilley today. The minister will invite tenders for the administration of child benefit, paid to the mothers of 13 million school-age children from offices at Washington,

Tyne and Wear. Mr Lilley is expected to announce further privatisations of benefit payments. transferring the bulk of the 68,000 employees of the Benefits Agency into private hands. His department could eventually be reduced to a small staff drawing up contracts and checking that the terms are

properly met. Child benefit has been chosen to lead the way because it is the easiest to administer. being paid without means tests or the provision of much information beyond the exis-

tence of a baby. From next April, private firms will be able to tender to provide a wide variety of services to the department. They will have the opportunity to work for the Benefits Agency, which pays and administers social security benefits, the Contributions Agency, which manages National Insurance, and the Child Support Agency, which deals with

maintenance payments, _ " " Mr Lilley hopes to achieve a: cut of 25 per cent from the E3 | reforms only just before they billion-a-year administration budget.

MPs accuse Birt of acting like tsar on World Service

By James Landale, political reporter

MPS yesterday attacked John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, over his planned reforms of the World Service. They accused Mr Birt of being dictatorial, arrogant and running the BBC like "a kind of tsar". One MP said he was not confident that the World Service was in safe hands and another urged Mr Birt to halt the reforms.

The criticism came as Mr Birt gave evidence to the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee after widespread public criticism of his reforms. In June Mr Birt announced plans to merge the news operations of the World Service and the domestic BBC.

While Mr Birt says it would save money and improve the service, critics say it would risk the World Service's international reputation.

Such is the feeling in Westminster that 238 MPs from all parties have signed a Commons motion expressing concern. It urges Mr Birt and the BBC governors to "guarantee that the distinctive nature of the World Service programming with its unrivalled reputation for impartiality will not be impaired by any organisational changes".

Mr Birt was repeatedly questioned yesterday about the secrecy surrounding the decisions.

MPs asked why Sam Younger, managing director of the World Service, and Bob Phillis, deputy Director-General of the BBC, were told about the were made public.

who were also at the committee, repeatedly evaded questions about how they felt when being presented with the re-forms as a fait accompli.

Mr Younger eventually admitted that he had been "shocked" but was now convinced that the plans would benefit the World Service. Mr Phillis, pressed four times, finally admitted he had been "surprised" by some of the detail. He said: "It is the Director-General's right to decide what is appropriate."

Robert Wareing, Labour MP for Liverpool West Derby, said he was astonished that Mr Birt had not told senior managers about his reforms until a day before they were announced. "Don't you think that was a dereliction of duty?" he asked. "You-seem not to be acting like the Director-General but like a kind of tsar,"

Michael Jopling, the former Tory Chief Whip, said no one on the committee understood why Mr Birt thought that it was "inappropriate" for the reforms to be discussed by his senior staff. Mr Birt said he had met and consulted more staff than any other BBC Director-General.

David Sumberg, Tory MP for Bury South, said Mr Birt gave him "no confidence that the future of the World Service is in safe hands".

Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, said: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Why are you interfering in something that has such a major reputation and track record?" Mr Birt replied: "Because we Both Mr Birt's deputies, want to make it better."



John Birt: faced questioning on World Service

Mike Gapes, Labour MP for Ilford South, pressed Mr Birt over the different production costs between the BBC's domestic news service and the World Service, Mr Birt admitted the exact figures were difficult to determine and that

no one really knew them.

Mr Gapes urged Mr Birt to
carry out further investigations into cost differences. Wouldn't it be sensible now to stop your reorganisation until that has been done?" Mr Birt said he and the BBC governors had the statutory right to decide the principles of

any major strategic and structural change to the BBC. "The scale of the changes were such that we agreed that consultation would not be proper in these circumstances." But he added that the way these changes were im-plemented would be open to

full consultation. He said: "I am as passionate about the World Service as anybody who has written about it in recent days. It is inherently ridiculous to suggest that I would want to do anything other than good for the World Service."

Portillo's

defence

budget

faces cuts

By JILL SHERMAN

Cabinet agreed a provisional £268 billion spending criling

New delays over orders worth more than £4 billion. including the £2 billion replacement for Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft, sparked fears that Kenneth Clarke is set on clawing back money on defence. One option being

canvassed is the cancellation of the entire £800 million antiarmour weapon programme. Sources close to the Chan-

cellor last night emphasised that the defence budget would

not be protected, despite as-

surances by John Major.

"The only protected departments are health, education

and law and order," one source said. "That does not

mean they will get all they want but they will not be cut." Cabinet ministers agreed

vesterday to a freeze on the £80 billion public sector pay bill and a bid to trim the

£268 billion ceiling by up to £5 billion. Downing Street officials said that the £268

billion figure was an "upper

limit, not a target.

At the meeting Mr Clarke warned colleagues that tough decisions would have to be

taken to leave some scope for tax cuts. The key pressure

points during this year's pub-

lic expenditure round will be

social security, education and transport, as well as defence.

Navy orders

assault ships

The Royal Navy has ordered

two amphibious assault ships HMS Bulwark and HMS

Albion, which will enter service in the next decade.

The £450 million contract is

almost a year late because of

protracted talks with the ship-

builder VSEL of Barrow-in-

Furness, Cumbria. The two

existing amphibious assault ships. HMS Fearless and the

mothballed HMS Intrepid.

are 30 years old.

for next year.

Suspected device is detonated in Dublin

By AUDREY MAGEE AND NICHOLAS WATT

ARMY bomb disposal experts in Duhlin carried out a controlled explosion last night after suspected loyalist terrorists claimed they had planted a bomb in the city centre.

The Irish police said last night that no device had been found after the controlled ex-plosion, at about 6pm. in a skio outside a store near O'Connell Street, At 12,25pm a man claiming to be from the Ulster Freedom Fighters telephoned the BBC in Belfast and, using a recognised codeword, gave a warning that a bomb had been planted in the street. The UFF is a cover name for the terrorist

Ulster Defence Association. Police evacuated the street and searched shops and businesses for several hours before concentrating on the skip.

There were fears last night that the UFF might have made the call without planting a device, to cause alarm. Loyalist political leaders

had given warning last week-end that the terrorists ceasefire was close to breaking-point in the wake of Sunday's republican bomb attack in Enniskillen.

In the Commons yesterday, John Major, responding to concerns expressed by Tony Blair, urged political leaders to speed up moves towards substantive inter-party discussions on Northern Ireland. Mr Major pleaded with the parties to put aside the hostility of recent weeks and pressed for improvement on the "inadequate" progress in the talks.

He made clear that ministers were not prepared to postpone the multi-party talks despite the calls of some MPs for a "cooling off" period. He also played down suggestions of a deep rift with John Brut-on, the Irish Prime Minister. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the

Northern Ireland Secretary. and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, met in London to discuss ways of improving security in advance of next month's loyalist marches in

Northern Ireland.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Welsh attack on Princess

Five Labour MPs have tabled a Commons motion expressing sadness that the Princess of Wales has severed all links with the Principality. Six Welsh charities were among nearly 100 from which she resigned as patron this week. Paul Flynn, MP for Newport West, who says the Princess should renounce her title, said people were baffled that she wished to retain "of Wales" but sever her links.

Painting export delay

The Getty Museum in California has protested at the Government's decision to hold up by a month an export licence application for a £3.5 million Guercino painting, the third extension in six months. Last Monday was meant to be the deadline for an export application for Erminia finding the wounded Tancred. It is believed that the National Galleries of Scotland are negotiating to buy the work.

Solicitors to vote on split

Solicitors in England and Wales are to be balloted over whether their professional body, the Law Society, should be split up. The society's annual meeting mustered the required 20 votes for a postal ballot of the whole profession to see if there is support for separating its regulatory and trade union functions, along the lines of the General Medical Council and the British Medical Association.

Farmer fined for fraud

A former county chairman of the National Farmers' Union has been fined £3,600 for falsifying claims for European Union cattle subsidies. Martin Mann-Heatley, 52. was also ordered by Nottingham magistrates to pay legal costs of £5,000 and to compensate the Ministry of Agriculture for more than £800. The accused, of Nuneaton, admitted three charges of dishonestly applying for subsidies.

Air-show plane crashes

Three people were in hospital last night after a rare Bristol Freighter aircraft crashed after an aborted take-off from Enstone, near Oxford, on the way to an air show. All seven passengers and crew were rescued from the wreckage of the 15-seater plane, which fell 50ft. Built in the 1960s to carry cars on Channel routes, it had been booked to appear at an airshow in Filton, near Bristol.

Second lottery draw

Camelot, the operator of the National Lottery, is planning a second weekly draw in the autumn. The plan, which has been submitted to the regulator Oflot, is likely to involve a draw on Wednesday evenings, with smaller jackpots as prize money is split between the two draws. The scheme could boost Camelot's takings by 25 per cent.

Snail rescue obstructed

Police arrested eight protesters yesterday for obstructing work on the removal of rare snails from the route of the Newbury bypass. About 40 demonstrators confronted police with an 8ft snail effigy. Engineers had been digging up sedge and turf for wildlife experts to create a habitat on the River Kennet for the colony of Desmoulin's whorl,

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Benefactor offers to pay off evicted farm woman's debt

By Paul Wilkinson

A WOMAN evicted from the remote farm her family has occupied for 500 years could be back home next week.

Freda Fentriss-Ellerby had to leave her 64-acre estate high on the North Yorkshire moors on Tuesday because of a longrunning dispute over her brother George's will. His half share of Forest Lodge Farm, worth about £80,000, was left to outsiders who pressed for

Press coverage sparked a wave of public sympathy and yesterday Miss Fentriss-Ellerby's solicitor announced that an anonymous benefactor had offered to buy out the claim of the beneficiaries. James Scott said his 63-yearold client was overwhelmed by the offer. The investor has indicated that he is prepared to allow Freda to remain on the farm.

Miss Fentriss-Ellerby has spent all her life on the farm in Danby Dale. She has lived alone since her brother's death in 1989, except for the com-

17 cats, 20 chickens and a gander called Sid. The farmhouse, parts of which date from the 15th century, has neither electricity nor running

Negotiations to allow her to stay on the land, with the collection of animals she regards as friends, finally broke down last week and the bailiss moved in.

Mr Scott said: "We have to move quickly because the repossessors took control of Freda's animals and will sell them off, because it is so expensive to look after them all. She is moved by the offer and the support and generosity she has received from members of the public. I do not think she has ever doubted she would return.

Reports and pictures of her distress at being forced out of her home and of her apparent inability to come to terms with urban life in her cousin's bungalow in Whitby, stirred anger and sympathy among

The residents of nearby

Castleton set up the pressure group Reform - Restore Freda's Ownership Rights Movement - and launched a fund at the National Westminster Bank. There were offers of £30,000 each from Yorkshiremen living in London and

Then an American offered up to £100,000 after reading the story on his arrival in London. Mr Scott declined to say if he was the anonymous helper.

Plymouth.

appeal fund had been inundated with cash gifts. Miss Fentriss-Ellerby's benefactor was happy for her to keep all the donations she received if she wished to do so: "The donations will enable her to continue to feed her cattle next year. They may also permit her to employ someone to help her through the difficult win-

Mr Scott said that if the appeal fund raised enough to buy back the benefactor's half of the farm from the estate, then he would gladly sell it to



Freda Fentriss-Ellerby hopes that next week she will be back with her animals at Forest Lodge Farm, from which she was evicted by bailiff

her with no added interest. The dispute over the farm arose after George Fentriss-Ellerby bequeathed his share to three friends and two hospitals in the Teesside orea that treated him during his last days. The hospitals were not pressing for their share in the

their beneficiaries and the third friend still wanted their

Miss Fentriss-Ellerby said after hearing of the offer: "I would like to be back there today. The news is great ! thought the original decision to evict me was wicked and should never have happened.

life on the farm and never hope to see another solicitor or bailiff again."

Among the many offers of help was £100 from a local charity in the Esk Valley. The trustees voted the money at a hurriedly-arranged meeting yesterday. Part of it will be spent on new clothes for Miss Fentriss-Ellerby, who is still

wearing the same outfit, apart from a borrowed pair of slippers, that she had on when the bailiffs ordered her to

She came close to breaking down with emotion as she talked about the tide of kindness that has flowed in from wellwishers. "I am ever so grateful. People have been so

kind. I am overwhelmed. know I will never be able to thank them enough."

Last night she was re-united with her two closest companions, her sheepdogs Judy and Rona. Friends who had been looking after them in the farmyard at Danby Dale felt that they were best back with

Botham rejected Imran's offer of letter of regret

IAN BOTHAM told the High Court yesterday that he had rejected Imran Khan's proposal to settle their dispute with an open letter to The Times because he did not regard it as

As the finishing flourish in his three-day cross-examination, the letter was read by George Carman, QC, to the court. In it, Imran stated that he had never called Botham or Allan Lamb, whom he regarded as "true sportsmen", racist or cheats, and that his comments had been misquoted.

Botham is suing imran for libel over an article in The Suri in which he said that illegal ball-tampering was common among fast bowlers. Botham and Lamb are also suing over an article in India Today magazine in which Imran allegedly accused them of racism, of being uneducated and of lacking class and

upbringing.

The apology, intended for publication two months after the article in The Sun in 1994, went on to offer his regret if any party or their family had been caused distress. It also called for the laws on balltampering to be clarified.

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Botham and asked him why he had not accepted it. CARMAN: In the interests of the great name of cricket and

Mir Carman turned to



Lamb: said he was upset

in the interests of avoiding some kind of blood battle in these courts and in the interests of good relations between the Pakistan cricketing team and the English team, did you not think that that was a fair reasonable proposal which you might accept?

BOTHAM: No sir, I did not. CARMAN: Did you not think the letter was written in a

spirit of good faith? BOTHAM: No sir, I do not I think it's another smokescreen I do not think that is an apology, which is all I asked

Mr Carman then asked Botham about his anger at comments made by Imran in a review of Botham's autobiography, in which he wished Kathy Botham "all the luck for the remainder of her marriage". CARMAN: You see it as even

more evidence of malice against you by Imran? BOTHAM: Yes.

Cross-examining Lamb, Mr Carman referred to the article in India Today, saying that Imran had written that he had been distressed that such a view had been attributed to him. He had never called Lamb a racist. CARMAN: What is wrong with

LAMB: What is wrong is he said never but he did.

CARMAN: But the article was not written by Imran Khan. It purports to be extracts from an interview by Imran Khan. You know he was saying he had been misquoted. LAMB: I don't know whether

he was misquoted. It was in black and white. CARMAN: Mr Khan was de-

nying he called you a racist and he had been misquoted. You realise that don't you? LAMB: If you were called a racist you would be upset too.

He said that as someone who had left South Africa because he hated apartheid and wished to play international cricket he had been "upset and saddened" by the article. The case continues.

Woman attacked at tennis contest

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

promising tennis players were being questioned by police yesterday after a violent sex attack on a female member of the Essex club where they have been competing in an international tournament.

The 41-year-old woman was attacked as she left Frinton-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, where she had been drinking in the bar with friends on Wednesday night. As she reached the ■ foyer she was dragged into a dark corner, beaten, robbed and sexually assaulted.

Police believe the attack might have been motivated by revenge after the woman had remonstrated with two youths for throwing drink cans

around the club's bar. The 22-court club is playing host to 200 young players from as white and aged about 18.

SOME of the world's most all over the world competing in the Frinton Satellite tournament for women and the Reebok Open Tennis Week for men. Visitors and members were questioned yesterday.

Detective Chief Inspector

Terry Gardiner, from Clacton police, said the woman's injuries were appalling. "She could not even walk afterwards. She crawled 30 yards into the lighted area before anyone saw her. It was one of the worst cases I have seen."

The victim was taken to Colchester General Hospital and released after treatment. but readmitted yesterday when she realised she had a broken jaw. "She is in a very, very distraught state," Mr Gardiner added.

The attackers are described

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Gloucestershire, in an air-

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1994. The soldier was standing

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truck when he was struck by

the open rear cargo door of the

aircraft, which was said to be

travelling at 12ft to 14ft from

During the trial the prose-

cution alleged that that the

pilot had been involved in a

game of "chicken", buzzing

ground crew for "a bit of fun".

It was claimed that the private

was a willing participant in

day trial.

the ground.

Morison, a pilot with 20 years' experience, denied that he AN RAF pilot whose lowflying aircraft struck and killed a soldier, allegedly in a regularly flew dangerously low and described the "chick-en" allegations as "absolute game of "chicken". was acquitrubbish". He said that on the ted of manslaughter yesterday. The jury at Bristol Crown inspection run the aircraft radio altimeter had failed at Court took more than three 70ft. He said he levelled out hours to clear Squadron Leadbut through a misjudgment er Michael Morison, 42, who descended lower than he looked stunned by the unani-

intended. mous verdict at the end of a 14-After the trial, Private Game's father said he was Private Christopher Game. devastated by the verdict and 21, was killed when he was hit felt cheated. Ray Game, 48, by the squadron leader's Herwho runs a fish and chip shop in Bournemouth, said: "I cules transport plane as it made a low-level inspection think there was an RAF coverpass at South Cerney military airfield near Cirencester



accident no inspection runs had been made at less than

"We will get no compensation for the loss of our son because he was over 21 and self-dependent. The fact that I have lost all those years with him doesn't seem to matter." Squadron Leader Morison's

solicitor, Martyn Stacey, said in a statement: "My client is very relieved that the case is over. It has been a long and difficult two years for him and his family. My client's sympathy goes out to the family of Private Game, who have also had a difficult two years." A spokesman for the De-

fence Ministry said the officer's future in the RAF was under consideration. "What will happen to him finally is now a matter for the RAF. We will reconvene the military board of inquiry, which was put on hold during the criminal investigation and trial, so that lessons can be learnt. "He will not face a court martial for the same offence.

but I will not speculate about

the board's findings or his

WPC dog handler loses sex bias claim

By Stephen Farrell

A WOMAN who claimed her police career was ruined by a hopeless dog yesterday lost her claim for sexual discrimination. Former WPC Elizabeth Fletcher based her case on "gossip and innuendo", an industrial tribunal ruled. Mrs Fletcher, 43, accused

PC David Brown and other

male instructors of deliberately giving her a German shep-herd dog. Beau, which they knew was not up to the job. She retired through ill-health after twice falling over Beau during training and on active duty with a dog section. of which she was the only woman among 32 officers. But she and the dog passed

the 13-week training course,

the tribunal in Nottingham

was told.

John Threlfall, the tribunal chairman, dismissed Mrs Fletcher's claim for compensation and ordered her to pay £250 costs to PC Brown and E250 to Nottinghamshire police. "Mrs Fletcher's case has been devoid of facts and it is based on gossip and innu-endo," he said.



Victim of beating in police van awarded £125,000

By Richard Ford. Home correspondent

A MAN who suffered multiple injuries after being assaulted by police officers won £125,000 yesterday. The payment to Trevor Gerald, 36, is the latest in a series of six-figure awards against the Metropolitan Police which are causing concern among the force's most

senior officers. Mr Gerald, a telecommunications engineer from Hayes. west London, won E25,000 compensation for assault. false imprisonment and maliclous prosecution, and E100,000 exemplary damages. Mr Gerald, who was trying to get more police in his district to combat drug problems, was assaulted after being arrested by police during an anti-drugs operation on the Mozart estate in Queen's Park, west London, where he lived six years ago. He had written to his MP, Sir John Wheeler, expressing his

concern at drug problems. He was put in a headlock in the back of a van by four police constables and repeatedly punched. Officers hit him in the eyes, making the bloodvessels burst, and dragmaking the ged him into the police station where he was strip-searched while covered in blood.

He was admitted to hospital where X-rays revealed three fractured bones in his foot. Mr Gerald also sustained two black eyes, heavy bruising and bleeding to his cheeks, forehead and nose, and part of his lip was sliced off.

Mr Gerald, who has no previous convictions, was convicted at Marylebone Magistrates' Court of assaulting two officers, but in May 1991 the conviction was overturned on

appeal.
The Metropolitan Police lodged an appeal against yesterday's award at Central London county court and the judge ordered that Mr Gerald be given only £75,000 pending

the hearing.
In other recent awards Daniel Goswell was awarded a record £302,000. Kenneth Hsu, a hairdresser, received £220,000. Andrew Kownacki £108,750 and Terence Winyard £109,000. In 1995 Scotland Yard paid out £1.5 million in

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QC tipped for bench gets second driving ban

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A OUEEN'S Counsel destined to sit as a High Court judge was banned from driving for five years and given a sus-pended four-month prison sentence yesterday for his second drink-driving offence in six years.

James Bonney QC, who was sentenced yesterday by magistrates at Lytham, Lancashire, had initially failed to stop when signalled to do so by police. Bonney. 47, who earlier this year had been selected as a deputy High Court judge. was found to be almost four times over the legal limit.

Bonney's previous drinkdriving conviction was in May 1990 at Manchester when he

was banned for 18 months. His defence said he now faces disciplinary proceedings before the Bar Council. Since the offence Bonney has not worked and not consumed alcohol. A psychiatric report stated that at the time Bonney was on the verge of a nervous breakdown with pressure caused by his daughter's ill-

ness and his workload. The magistrate, Michael Wenman, said he was concerned about the possible effect of an immediate iail sentence on Bonney's health and his family.

Mother of persistent truant escapes fine

EDUCATION officers were angry yesterday after a court failed to fine a mother whose teenage son played truant for nearly two years.

Lewisham Council in southeast London had tried to make an example of 40-year-old Simone Westlake. Three months ago, she became the escort her child to and from the school gates when magistrates deferred sentence. Yesterday a progress report for Greenwich Magistrates' Court showed that her son Alan, 14, had turned up at Hatcham Wood Secondary School, Brockley, on II days out of 66.

The magistrate. David Cooper, said that little more could be done and gave the mother a six-month conditional discharge. The offence carries a

maximum fine of £1,000. Adrian Beeby, a council spokesman, said: "We were hoping for a heavy fine. Truancy levels dropped after publicity surrounding this case."

Mrs Westlake had pleaded guilty to failing to ensure her child attended school under the 1993 Education Acr. The lone mother has two daughters who are single parents. and helps to look after her grandchildren. She claimed the council had not done enough to prevent bullying.

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Wild, unkempt figure who cast a deadly shadow

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WHEN Howard Hughes was arrested for Sophie Hook's murder, many in the tight-knit community of Colwyn Bay were in no way surprised.

The oft 8in figure was a familiar figure to residents of the North Wales seaside resort, hurtling about on his mountain bike in his scruffy denims at all hours, his hair unwashed and greasy, his rottweiler dog Bryn often at his side - a malevolent presence amid the carefree holiday atmosphere.

Young girls were nervous of walking home alone and Hughes regularly frightened children on the sea front. He had convictions for petty theft and his closest adult friend. Michael Guidi, was a convicted paedophile. But despite complaints from local people and years of observing Hughes, there was little Llandudno police could do.

Hughes was as big a concern to his respectable family as to others. His father Gerald Hughes is an engineer and a prosperous and respected businessman who runs a family contracting and quarrying firm. Howard and his older sisters Karen, Laura and

Heather lacked for nothing. When Howard was born on June 9, 1965, Mr Hughes and his wife Rene were delighted at the arrival of a son. But it soon became clear that all was not well with the boy. He was very tall, reaching 6ft by the age of II, and doctors diagnosed a chromosomal abnormality called XYY syndrome. He was slow educationally. his progress hampered by dyslexia, but according to a medical report by Gwynedd Health Authority he was not assessed as mentally ill or

subnormal. He was referred to child counsellors for difficult behaviour. Mr Hughes said: "He was emotionally insecure and abhorrent of criticism." His father paid for him to attend a succession of private schools. When one of them, the now into a half-demolished house. or five.

defunct Lindisforme College at Ruabon, near Wrexham, rejected him without explanation after two terms in desperation Mr Hughes offered the headmaster double the normal fees to keep him on, but was turned down.

One of his contemporaries said: "He was always in fights with people much older than him. Everyone was terrified of him. He was a weirdo - but he wasn't a loner. He always had an entourage of lads around him who were probably terrified of him.

"He was always killing things such as small animals and birds, and he always used to carry a big knife around. From what I heard, his parents were terrified of him as

When Hughes was 16 he was sent to St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, under a Mental Health Act order that Gerald Hughes felt obliged to sign. While he was away. Mr and Mrs Hughes's 28-year marriage failed and the couple divorced in 1986. Last year Mr Hughes married a woman who worked for his company.

When Hughes was released from hospital after a year he lived rough before returning to live with his mother. Personal hygiene problems cast him adrift from others. For weeks he would wear the same clothes. His teeth had fallen out because he never brushed them. His diet consisted of 20 Mars bars a day, because he could bite on nothing hard, and five litres of

Hughes acquired 17 convictions over 19 years, mostly for theft and burglary. Over the years, allegations of his threatening behaviour towards children became increasingly serious. In 1981, when he was 16, he half-strangled a sevenyear-old boy, Graham Lloyd, and escaped with a two-year

supervision order. His victim had been lured and threw me down - he was a very strong man," Mr Lloyd, now a student in Nottingham. said. "He wound up astride me with both hands around my neck." Mr Lloyd started to black out and pretended to be

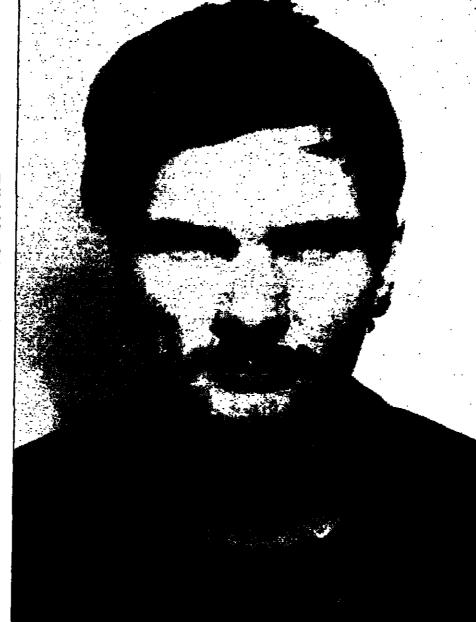
dead until Hughes left. Lorraine Haste, who lived next door to the Hughes family home, said: "He would shout abuse when I was in the garden, disgusting things. It got so bad we built an 8ft fence at the bottom of the garden to keep him out and put tall gates at the front of the garden to stop him coming in the front way. It was like living next to a wild, unpredictable animal."

The garden adjoining the back of Hughes's home belongs to Liz Kelly, who became afraid to let her six children, aged between six and 17, play near the fence. Once her 11year-old daughter and a friend were planning to sleep in their summerhouse. The girls were in the chalet, chatting and giggling, when Hughes banged on the walls shouting and swearing. The girls ran

In 1986 he was accused of indecently assaulting a nineyear-old girl but her parents were unwilling for the case to go ahead. In 1990 he was accused of indecently assaulting two girls, aged five and three, at Llandudno. The case was dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service because of the girls' young age.

After Hughes's arrest for Sophie's murder, police found pornographic equipment and literature at his home, much of relating to children. He would cut out pictures of children naked or in their

He shared the secret of his obsession with young girls with Guidi, 32, who was befriended by Hughes when he was 13 and who stayed with him and his mother for three months after coming out of prison. Guidi said Hughes confided to him a desire to have sex with a girl aged four







Hughes scared neighbours and brought death to nearby Llandudno, where Sophie returned with her family to visit her cousins' home

Killing 'could not have been prevented'

THE detective in charge of the murder inquiry said yesterday that he was satisfied that there was nothing the police could have done that would have stopped Howard Hughes committing the

Detective Superintendent Eric Jones of North Wales Police said that Hughes had been closely watched since 1981, but added: "I am quite happy in my own mind that everything that could have been done was done."

He said the police did receive a great number of harassment because of the had made allegations of inde- Howard Hughes ... how- it was the right thing."

complaints after Hughes had been arrested for Sophie Hook's murder. "I would not like to speculate as to whether, had those people come forward earlier, he could have been arrested and taken before the courts. "It can be very,

very frustrating at times." He said that Hughes had been very astute and sharp during his interviews, and confirmed that police already had their own intelligence on him. "You will, no doubt, now know that Howard Hughes did make complaints of police

THE POLICE close attention that was being . He pointed out that there were a considerable number

of convictions against Hughes since 1981, adding: There are other matters that we could not proceed upon because of the lack of evidence.

Mr Jones was asked about incidents during the previous three years in which teencency against Hughes. He said: "We must have evidence and corroborative evidence, if those elements are missing we cannot act. He was interviewed after all those approaches to children.

"In some cases the parents did not want us to continue with complaints. In one case it was adjudged that there was insufficient evidence to take before the court."

Mr Jones, who led a team of 120 police officers in the investigation, said: "We are

ever, there is no victory here for anyone. Nothing we say or do will bring back that little

"The sad thing about this is that the Hook family will have to live with this forever and nothing can be done to help them.'

Mr Jones paid a special tribute to Hughes's father, Gerald, who came forward to give evidence of his son's private confession to Sophie's murder as he was being held in a police cell. "It was a very brave thing for him to do as

The one time she needed us most we were not there'

BY KATE ALDERSON

JULIE HOOK said of her daughter Sophie: "No child could ever have received or

given more love." Yet after Howard Hughes broke through the curtain of love and protection that surrounded the child, her parents tortured themselves with the thought that they were not with her at the moment she needed them most.

Mrs Hook, 35, a part-time teacher, spoke of the guilt that consumed her and her husband Christopher, 38, an advertising sales executive. "We both feel very, very sorry that the one time she needed us most we were simply not there. My mother feels guilty there. My mother feels guilty for buying the tent, Danny [Sophie's uncle] feels so guilty because he didn't sleep in the tent with them, so it isn't just us feeling guilty. That feeling

will never go away."

Mr and Mrs Hook had
moved with their children from Llandudno to the village of Great Budworth, 70 miles away in Cheshire, 18 months before the murder. They have two other daughters, Jemma, 9, and Ellie, 21 months, and a son, Joseph, 5.

Neighbours spoke of a warm, happy family. Sophie was the most extrovert of the children. "She was a bubbly and vivacious girl, a real Shirley Temple character with her brown curly hair and round face," one neighbour recalled.

The family kept in close touch with Mrs Hook's sister, Fiona, and her husband, Danny Jones. The Joneses also had four young children, who would regularly be visited by their cousins for "sleep-overs".

That Saturday. Sophie's more qualms than her sister cousin was celebrating his and brother-in-law. ninth birthday, and Mrs
Hook brought her children to join in the fun at a garden party and barbecue. The Jones's £200,000 home in Llandudno has a large back garden, shielded from the overgrown bridle path to the rear by a hedge and a gate. It was the perfect spot for a carefree afternoon in the paddling pool and playing in the tent that Pearl and Paul Roberts had bought as a birthday present for their grandson.

THEFAULT



Christopher and Julie Hook at Sophie's funeral with their children Jemma, Ellie and Joseph

it had been his idea to camp out, to test his new tent and the sleeping bag Sophie had bought him. When Mrs Hook left, no decision had been taken about whether the children would be allowed to stay out, but it was a matter about which she would have had no

To the children it would seem like a big adventure, but to camp in this apparently secure garden would have caused the most careful parent

and I felt fine about that," Mrs Hook said later. "I kissed them goodbye and said, 'I'll see you tomorrow."

little concern.

She could not have known that Hughes had spent much of the afternoon eavesdrop-ping from the pathway, listen-

The boy was to tell police that ing to the children's excited chatter about their camping adventure. Mrs Hook took one of the Jones children and two of her own back to Cheshire. The families planned to meet the

next day in Chester, when the holiday weekend would be completed with an outing to the new Batman film. Mr Jones returned from work that evening to find the party in full swing. He lit the harbecue and built the children a bonfire near the entrance

Later Sophie, her elder sis-"I knew it was a possibility, ter and two of the Jones boys settled down in the tent. Sophie's nine-year-old cousin recalled: "Daddy did up the tent and then he went round the back and lifted the tent to try to scare us. But we weren't scared. I told them it was my dad," After Mr Jones went into you, I enjoyed and will enjoy."

games and had a midnight feast. But soon after midnight, they went to find Mr Jones. They had been telling each other stories about the ghosts that they said haunted the old tramlines criss-crossing the field beyond the bridle path and the younger boy had become upset. He stayed in the house but the others returned to the tent, where they were settled quietly when Mr Jones made his last check at 12.45am.

In the morning, when the two Jones children awake, they knew at once that something was wrong. Sophie was missing, and this was no game of hide-and-seek. Mr and Mrs Jones made a swift search of the area and called the police. A child's naked body had already been found on the beach a few hundred yards away, and it was not long before the family's fears were confirmed.

in the days of anguish that followed, their dignity and courage was apparent. Mr and Mrs Hook made two television appeals for help to find their daughter's killer.

Mrs Hook told how Sophie's elder sister, Jemma, was suffering most. "She is totally and utterly distraught. We are encouraging her to talk about Sophie, about things we have done recently. She is saying all the things I say - not to her - such as, 'I want to go to heaven to be with

"I protected my children so much. They were not allowed to cross the road on their own. They were never allowed to go anywhere on their own. If not me, there was always someone very close. If Sophie fell off her bike, I was always there to rub her knee and say, 'It's all right,

At Sophie's funeral a single bell tolled. Mr and Mrs Hook wanted the service to celebrate their daughter's life, and their other children were dressed in bright clothes and carried posies of wild flowers.

Jemma wrote a poem which was handed to mourners: "Sophie, my precious little sister, I am missing you dearly ... All the happy times I spent with you and will spend with

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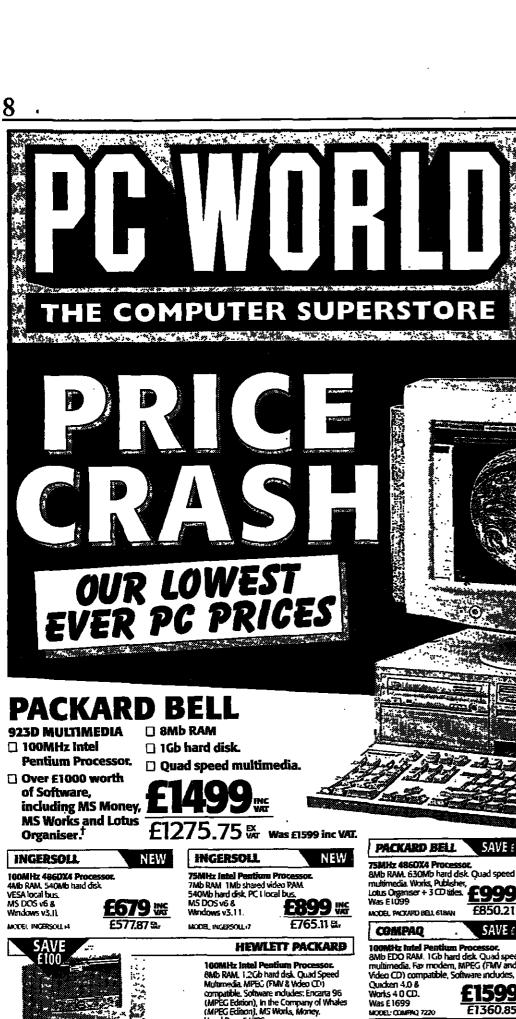
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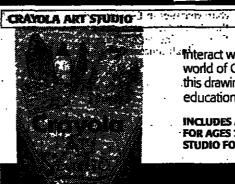
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Thousands dying as bacteria become immune to drugs

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE growing number of bacteria which cannot be treated with any existing antibiotic may cause a global health crisis, an international group of scientists said yesterday.

Diseases which could have been cured a decade ago are now killing thousands of people worldwide because new strains have developed multidrug resistance. For millions more patients, standard treatments are failing to work as resistance grows. But no new antibiotics are expected this decade and few early in the 21st century.

A three-day symposium on antibiotic resistance, organised by the CIBA foundation. an independent scientific charity, in London, was attended by 25 scientists from nine countries. They heard that the over-use of antibiotics world-wide has irretrievably altered

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the microbiological environ-

Professor Julian Davies of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, said: "Over the last 50 years, we have been involved in an incredible experiment. Tens of billions of pounds of antibiotics have been released on this planet. The globe is bathed in a dilute solution of antibiotics. You might expect all microbes would have been killed. But they have not been killed, they

have become resistant." Professor Stuart Levy, director of the centre for drug resistance at Tuftes University. Boston, and chairman of the symposium, said: "Multidrug-resistant bacteria are increasing, patients are failing therapy and some are dying. That would have been unheard of ten years or even five

Scientists solve puzzle of obesity hormone

A MYSTERY surrounding a hormone that could hold the key to obesity has been solved by scientists (Jeremy Laurance writes). Researchers had been puzzled by the action of leptin, a protein made by fat cells which carries messages to the brain about the body's fat levels and tells it to stop

The hormone, and the gene called ob that makes it, were discovered in December 1994. In mice, defective production of leptin — from the Greek word leptos meaning thin results in gross obesity. Studies of human beings, however, have shown that obese

people have high levels of leptin in their blood rather than the expected low level. suggesting that the message to the brain is not getting

Now scientists at Jefferson Medical College. Philadel-phia. have found that there may be a limit to the rate at which leptin can travel from the blood into the brain and that this rate may be lower in obese individuals, explaining why they overeat.

some other signal that will activate the brain's weightcontrol centres, the research-

patients with multidrug-resistant disease who would have been saved a few years ago shows we are facing a crisis."

In the United States, 8 to 12 per cent of pneumococcus bacteria, which cause two million cases of pneumonia, 7½ million ear infections and 3,000 cases of meningitis each year, are multidrug-resistant and patients have to be given a nowerful antibiotic vancomycin. "We are one antibiotic

short of being unable to treat them," Professor Levy said. Dr Mitchell Cohen, director of the division of bacterial diseases at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, said there had been a break-down in public health mea-"We have become complacent about infectious diseases. In 1969, the US Surgeon General said we could close the book on infectious disease but as recent events have shown, that was

premature.' Potential killers such as tuberculosis, pneumonia and septicaemia have made a comeback. "Infectious diseases have a habit of emerging and re-emerging and we have to be prepared," he said.

The problem was less serious in Britain but would grow unless measures to prevent it were taken now, the scientists said. They appealed for more responsible use of antibiotics.

Physicians often inappro-priately prescribe antibiotics and people stockpile them and do not complete prescribed courses, all helping bacteria to ic misuse accounts for more than half all the antibiotics prescribed in the developed



Soldiers from the Parachute Regiment searching the area yesterday close to the place where Mrs Russell and her daughter were murdered

Police seek car driver in double killing

DETECTIVES investigating the murders of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter yesterday issued a likeness of the man who could be their killer.

The E-fit picture is based on a further sighting of a fair-haired man acting suspiciously near the spot in rural Kent where Mrs Russell, the wife of a botanist, and her daughter Megan were blud-geoned to death with a hammer over a week ago. Dr Shaun Russell yesterday told his daughter Josephine, 9, who survived the attack, that Megan and Mrs Russell had been killed.

"She has now been told that her mother and sister are dead and we think she can comprehend that because of signs she showed when the news was broken to her," Detective Chief Inspector David

"Josie is now doing brilliantly. It is amazing to think that last week she was at death's door. She cannot talk, but doctors hope she will regain her speech and we are still hoping she will be able to provide us with some clues."

The latest description of the suspect is based on the evidence of a woman who was stopped at a police roadblock and remembered seeing the driver of a beige car who braked suddenly at a junction close to the murder scene in Chillenden on Tuesday afternoon last week. Her description tallies with that of another witness who saw an agitated man dump a

later found to contain items of clothing belonging to the Russell family.

Mr Stevens said the latest witness believed the beige car had distinctive red anti-static strips hanging from the back. This man could certainly be the perpetrator. If he is not, we would ask the driver to come forward as he must be an extremely important witness."

The man is in his 20s or 30s, with short light-coloured hair with a fringe. He has fair skin and was wearing a red T-shirt. Josephine suffered multiple skull fractures in the attack and doctors have told Dr Russell, 44, that she may have permanent speech and mobility difficulties. The killer struck as Mrs Russell, 45, was walking the children home from the

neighbouring village of Goodnestone.



Likeness: police want

Baby given meningitis by pet lizard

Government to issue health warnings of the risks to young children from pet reptiles after a baby girl was given meningitts by a lizard.

Guy Makin, registrar in paediatrics at the Children's Hospital (Sheffield), said: "People need to be made aware of the dangers of keeping these types of animals as pets, particularly if they have young families. "The six-weekold girl was referred to the hospital six months ago with fever and nausea, which was diagnosed as meningitis. She recovered after being given antibiotics.

The girl had been infected with a strain of salmonella -Salmonella durban — associated with reptiles and rarely found in humans, which she is helieved to have caught from droppings from the family's pet monitor lizard. Dr Makin said salmonella normally infected only the bowel, but in the very young and elderly it could get into the bloodstream and the membrane around the

Parents warned over soya milk

By Jeremy Laurance

PARENTS who choose to give their babies soya-based infant formula milk should seek risks, the Government said yesterday.

A committee of independent scientists appointed by the Health Department has said that phytoestrogens found in soya-based infant formulae can, in certain situations, behave like a verv weak form of oestrogen, the female hormone. In animals this has caused fertility problems. The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment says there is no evidence damaging effects in

humans. Phytoestrogens are a naturally occurring plant chemical found in peas and green beans as well as soya beans. Japanese and Chinese people who eat large quantities of soya

show no sign of ill effects. However, on the basis of the animal studies, the Government is urging caution. In laboratory studies, phytoestrogens have caused male

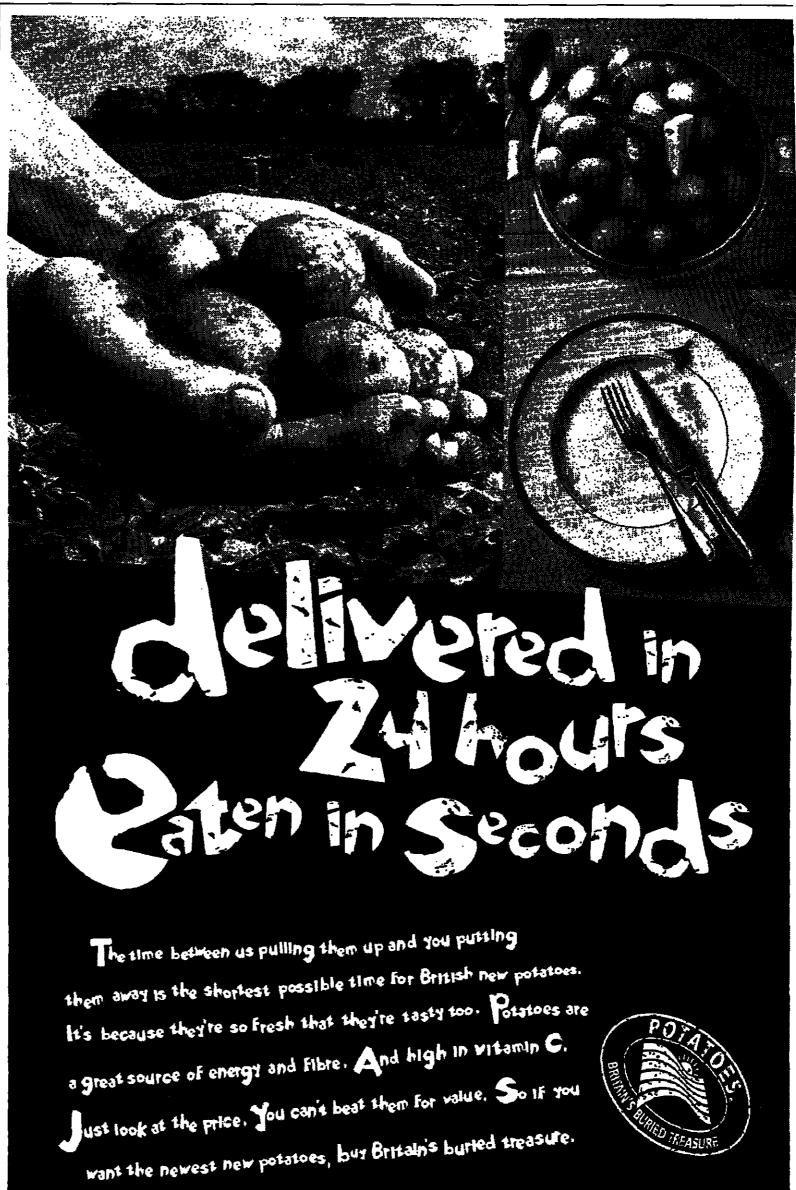
characteristics in females and the feminisation of males. Sheep grazing on clover conmedical advice about the taining high concentrations of the chemical have suffered an

infertility syndrome. About 1 per cent of babies are fed soya-based infant formulae, most on medical advice because they are allergic to cows' milk. The committee says these children should continue to be given it.

A small number of vegans and others who wish to avoid cows'-milk products choose to feed their babies the soyabased version. These are advised to consult their GP or health visitor so they are aware of the risks.

Last month the Food Advisory Committee recommended that, as a precaution, baby food manufacturers should look at how to reduce phytoestrogen levels in their products.

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Caesar's invasion fleet sought by sonar in the Solent's mud

RUSSELL JENKINS AND NORMAN HAMMOND

A SEARCH for ancient wrecks, including the remains of Julius Caesar's invasion fleet, has been launched by scientists using advanced sonar able to "peer" through mud, it was disclosed

Researchers from Southampton University and the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology are mapping the sea bed in the Solent, a major seaway since primitive times. Professor David Peacock, an archaeologist at the university, said yesterday that the sonar, called Chirps, had already discovered a structure under muds in Langstone Harbour.

The find is in the same area where members of another am -- who helped to find Henry VIII's flagship the Mary Rose 30 years ago announced this week that they had discovered what they believed to be a Roman ship up to 15 metres long, a mile off Hayling Island. They were osing a more primitive sonar that can identify shapes in the

The Mary Rose diving team is hoping to revisit the wreck



Don Bullivant with an artefact from near the wreck

54BC, close to the spot where

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Caesar chose to sail on, but it

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constructed, largely by con-

script labour, near Boulogne, his point of departure two

days before. Powered by both

sail and oar, the ships were

cavalrymen.

small piece has been subject to tree-ring dating but Don Bullivant, from Waterlooville, Hampshire, one of the divers, said that the first sample was of poor quality. It has confirmed only that the wood is more than 500 years old and not of British origin. During Caesar's invasion

of Britain, some of his ships were lost in a storm, and some could have been blown to-ward the Solent, Professor Peacock said: "The chances of finding one of these would be

The armada must have been an awesome sight to

was not until AD43 that a maritime Roman invasion force brought conquerors to stay. Emperor Claudius sent an army of four legions of infantry and cavalry estimated at 40,000 men. The force, designed to silence Claudius's critics, even boasted

dephants. The Classis Britannica, the Roman British fleet, dates from the end of the first century. A naval fleet is to have aided Agricola's military push up the east of Scotland as far as the Tay, in northeast Fife, in 8IAD. Ships were used to convey supplies.

Archaelogical finds have established that the naval fleet enjoyed a substantial presence in the South of England. Tiles with the names of Classis Britannica have been found in Sussex showing a large amount of naval activity off the south coast. If the Hayling Island find proves to be of Roman date, it will add to the scanty remains of actual ships that have survived from

Commander Brian Sparks, of the Trust for Maritime Archaeology, said that the Solent was a fascinating region of sea bed to study. It was once an estuary with primitive Bronze Age and

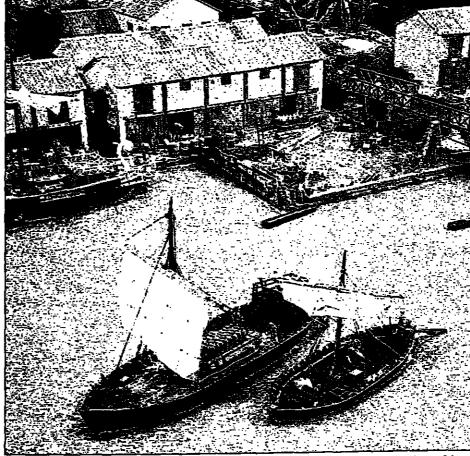
earlier settlements along its banks. He said: "About 10,000 years ago, there was an inun-dation of the sea between the Needles and Poole Harbour which breached the river system and formed the Solent as we know it."

There was a further inundain the 13th and 14th centuries around Hayling Island. Since Roman times, sea levels have risen by about three metres, further flooding the land. So it is believed that the area is littered with wooden objects, including wrecks, jettles, har-bours and primitive build-

We are looking at the Solent because it is one of the richest areas for ancient wrecks, as it was a major seaway to Britain. But we hope it will also be a buried landscape with all sorts of items preserved because of the inundation of

Francis Grew, of the Museum of London, pointed out that a Roman wreck was found on reclaimed land near Blackfriars, at the mouth of the Fleet. He added: "Any discovery of a Roman wreck is important because so little archaeological evidence

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By Diana Thorp

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£1.70 for 100g. Iceland: sirloin steaks £3.97 for 261g, Birds Eye southern fried chicken £2.99 for six portions, breaded scampi £1.99 for 400g, seafood selection £2.49 for 368g.

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fresh salmon £1.79 lb. salmon steaks £2.09 lb. Weight Watch-ers vegetable lasagne 99p for

383g, gammon steak smoked £1.39 or unsmoked £1.29 for 255g, chicken stir fry £2.89 for 454g, carrots 35p lb, strawberry pavlova £).79 for 6

portions. Sainsbury's: fillet steak £15.19 kg, fresh pork boneless shoulder joint £2.99 kg, fresh boneless chicken breast £3.95 for four, pre-packed salmon steaks £7.50 kg. iceberg lettuce 32p each.

Somerfield: fresh lamb chops £4.99 kg. smoked cod fillet £1.57 lb. seafood cocktail £1.49 for 200g.

Tesco: topside/silverside top rump joint £4.39 kg. pork chops £4.75 kg. fresh skinless four chicken breast fillets £4.95 for 540g, St Peters fish (Tilapia) £1.99 lb.

Waitrose: farmhouse ground veal 99p for 340g, fresh chicken £5.49 for 2.5kg, smoked haddock fillets £2.95 lb. Duke of York new potatoes 75p for

Irish back Scots in French whisky war

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Scots and the Irish have joined forces to defend whisky against a weaker, cheaper imitation from France. The Irish Government is backing the Scotch Whisky Association in the European Court in an attempt to stop the French from selling a blended whisky spirit as the genuine article.
The French version, pro-

duced by La Martiniquaise, is

Burrows, chairman and managing director of Irish Distillers, claims the French are misleading customers.

They call their product whisky spirit, and that is the nub of the problem which the court is seeking to address. They present it in exactly the same shape and size as regular Scotch and trish."

Campbell Evans, of the Scotch Whisky Association. welcomed the Irish decision to back their challenge, "France is a very important market for Scotland. We have to protect it as the French protect champagne producers."

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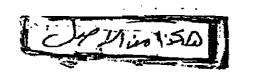
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Labour leaders split over call to end Tube strike

By JILL SHERMAN AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Labour leadership was split yesterday over Tony Blair's demand for London Tube workers to call off their

John Prescott, the deputy party leader was furious about the tough line taken by his Shadow Cabinet colleague David Blunken on Wednesday, which had been agreed with Mr Blair, Robin Cook. the Shadow Foreign Secre-tary, also appeared unhappy about the change of position when he gave a radio inter-

view yesterday. in the Commons John Major and his MPs exploited the disagreement. The Prime Minister said: "Mr Blunkett said the strikers should go to arbitration and that self-evidently must be right. I hope we will hear the same call from the Shadow Transport Secretary [Clare Short] and nthe deputy leader [Mr Prescont. himself sponsored by one of the striking unions,"

Mr Prescott, who is sponsored by the RMT, told Mr Blair early on Wednesday that he opposed the statement that the strike was "inappropriate" and that the parties should go to binding arbitration.

Last night Mr Prescott denied any rift with Mr Blair. but he was still said to be very angry about the decision.

The leftwinger Ken Living-stone. MP for Brent East, insisted that Mr Prescott was so furious he was "having to be scraped off the wall". Michael Meacher, the Shadow Employment Minister. was also said to be angered by the stance against the strikers. the toughest taken by the party in recent memory.

Mr Cook toed the Shadow Cabinet line, but only just. Asked whether he supported Mr Blair's view on the Tube strike, he said: "Mr Blair has made his position perfectly clear. When pressed, he added: "As a member of the Shadow Cabinet I share collective responsibility for anything any of us say."

Frontbenchers were later

told not to give radio or television interviews on the strike. Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip, was said to be unhappy with Mr Cook's comments.

Mr Blair's aides took a step further and said that the Labour leadership condemned the strike. They emphasised again that the two sides should go to arbitration but said that they were not suggesting compulsory arbitration for all strikes. One aide said the Post Office strike was a different matter and Labour

did not wish to get involved. Union leaders dismissed Mr Blair's calls for binding arbitration in the dispute as "pointless" because London Transport had already made pledges to its drivers that it was now trying to renege on.

Lew Adams, the general secretary of the Aslef union. said: "We have honoured our part of that agreement and the dispute is about the fact that London Underground have not honoured theirs." More than 2,000 Tube drivers from the Aslef and RMT unions are staging a series of one-day strikes in support of a demand for a one-hour cut in the working week. Much of central London ground to a halt yesterday morning as hundreds of thousands of commuters struggled to beat what was the nearest to a total shurdown of the Tube for seven years.

said many drivers going to work were still trapped in traffic at Ham, three or more hours after leaving home. Gavin McWhirter of AA Roadwatch said: "Despite an early start - the rush hour began as early as 5.30am - millions of would be travellers faced major delays on major routes, many of which resembled giant car parks."

Motoring organisations

seen on the M25, M1, M3, M4. M23, A4 and A3, with traffic also locked solid on major inner-London routes such as Bayswater Road and Oxford

The worst tailbacks were



Peers to challenge authority of MPs

By James Landale

THE House of Lords will launch a rare challenge to the authority of the Commons next week with a new assault on the Government's immigration legislation.

An alliance of Opposition peers and bishops will try to reverse a decision by MPs this week to reject a Lords amendment to the Asylum and Immigration Bill.

The move, known in Westminster as playing legislative "ping pong", tends to occur only once or twice every decade. The Lords accept most Commons amendments on the ground that MPs have an

electoral mandate.
The Lords amendment, introduced by Labour with the support of many Tories, would have given asylum seekers a three-day "grace period" after their arrival in which to claim refugee status and avoid becoming ineligible for welfare benefits.

The Opposition will now table a new amendment to the Bill when it goes back to the Lords on Monday, Many peers fear that asylum seekers could be left destitute.

The last time the Lords 'pinged" legislation was in 993. Under the procedure, both Houses "ping pong" the Bill back to each other until neither is prepared to alter its amendments. The Bill then falls and after a delay of a year the Government has to force it through the Lords by invoking

Dozens of Tory associations found lacking as party raises £1.4m

BY ANDREW PIERCE

DONATIONS from Tory supporters in the constituencies have risen sharply as the general election nears but the total is still way below the level enjoyed during Margaret Thatcher's leadership.

Payments to Conservative Central Office by local associations totalled El.1 million last financial year, which was £33,000 down on the previous year, but a further £300,000 was sent to the Critical Seats Club. The quota target was almost £3 million.

The Tory party, whose finances are bolstered by more than £3 million of loans from the constituencies, is planning an appeal to the

wealthiest associations. Party treasurers hope to convert the loans, which can be recalled at any time, into donations to ensure a big fighting fund for the election.

For the fourth year running dozens of associations, badly affected by falling membership, have failed to contribute a penny to Conservative Central Office, Others

sent amounts of less than £20. One of the biggest embarrassments was the failure of Peterborough, the constituency association of Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, to send anything.

Other conspicuous non-contributors included Old Bexley and Sidcup, Sir Edward Heath's association, and Reigate, Sir George Gardiner's association, which is one of the wealthiest

MP, made no contribution, nor did Teresa Gorman's Billericay association. Ilford North, where the MP

is Vivian Bendall, sent £4. The best performance was by Aylesbury Conservatives, whose

Witney, where the former For-eign Secretary Douglas Hurd is

Home Secretary. They were set a £9,000 target but sent £84,000. The financial year for the Tories ended with the party's overdraft down to just over £2 million

tary aide to Michael Howard, the

compared with £11.4 million at the end of 1994-95 and almost £20

Analysis confirms Tories' plight

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Tories' "New Labour. New Danger"
strategy is aimed at rebuilding their core vote and not before time to judge by the latest MORI aggi This consists of all 15,359 people interviewed by MORI over the April-to-June period. This analysis confirms not only that the Tories have much further to climb than at the same stage of the last three Parliaments, but also shows that their greatest problems are with their traditional supporters.

Despite a sharp rise in Tory support in June, the party's average rating for the quarter was 27 per cent, broadly the same as over the past year. But in early summer 1991 the

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against the 43 per cent they won in the 1992 election. As worrying for the Tories'

is their weakness in previous strongholds. There has been a swing of 21 per cent from

Tories to Labour since 1992 among the middle classes, now 48 per cent of the electorate. This compares with an 18.5 per cent swing among the public generally. There has been an above-average swing among readers of newspapers which traditionally back the Tories. This has been highest of all, at 27 per cent, among readers of The Times, though this also reflects the different

readership following the dou-bling in circulation since 1993. The swing has been above average among 18 to 51-yearolds, those living in the East Midlands, East Anglia and the South West, people with mort-gages, and in full-time work.

All that reinforces the Tory decision to try to frighten these people back to the fold by warning them of the alleged dangers of higher taxes, higher interest rates and the like

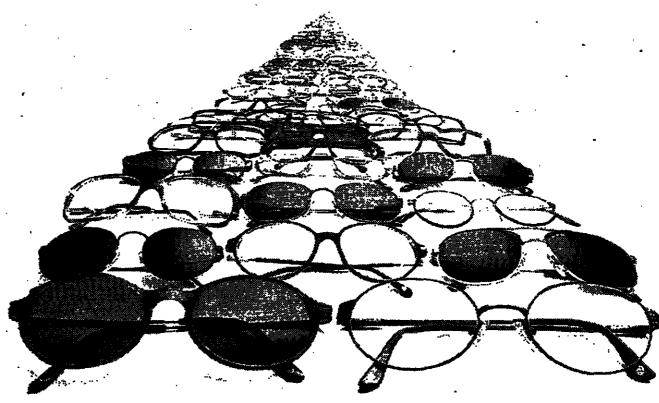
ther lessons are drawn out by Robert Worces-ter of MORI in the latest British Public Opinion newsletter. His guess, also mine, is that the election will be on May I. As he notes: "MORI's latest polls show that the 'football feel-good factor' lasted only a few days and that the Economic Optimism Index, the 'economic feel-good factor, has not done much to help the Tory share either." He forecasts that Labour will have an overall majority of about 40 following the lowest turnout since the war as a result of high abstentions by former Tories, a Liberal Democrat resurgence to win 35 to 40 seats, and voters "cherry-picking new Labour candidates over old-style socialists". I am less sure about the latter point. but most ominous for the Tories is his emphasis on the importance of party image in particular, whether voters think a party is united and capable of governing, or split and preoccupied with infighting. That is where the public's view of Labour and the Tories

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IN PARLIAMENT

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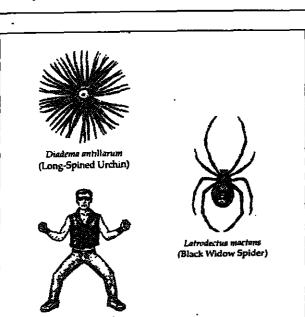
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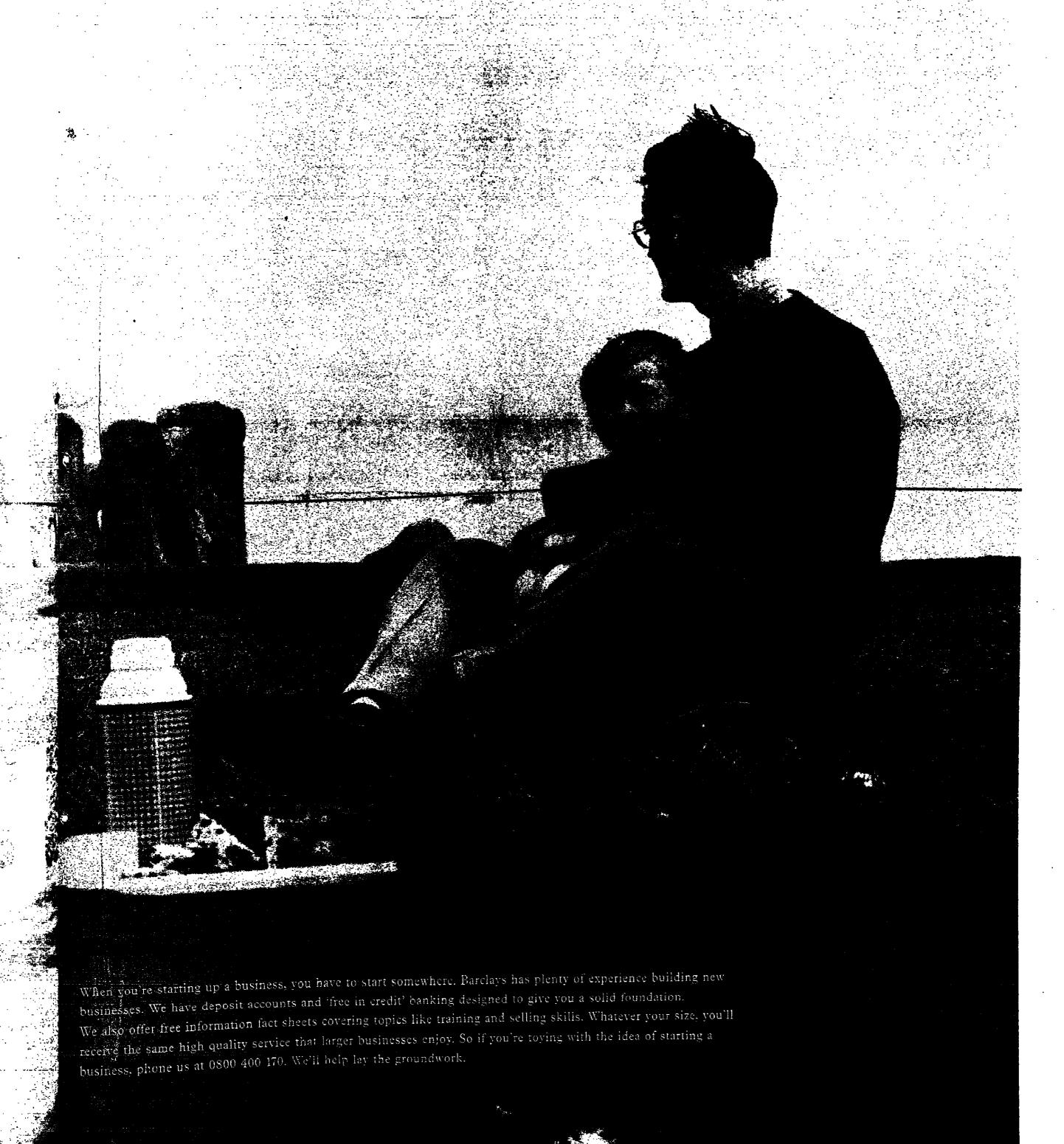


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KGB opts for hard sell of its greatest moments on CD

FROM OWEN MATTHEWS IN MOSCOW

These were dedicated people. I

tantalisingly incomplete. George Blake, the KGB spy who defected to Russia after

Maclean: "promoted

peace in our time"

THE KGB has broken a 70year code of silence with the release of a slick, interactive CD-Rom depicting the defec-tion of Kim Philby, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean as one of the great triumphs of

Yuri Mogin, the case officer who handled two other traitors. Anthony Blunt and John Cairneross, appears chatting amiably about my friends from Cambridge".

The history is by the Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) — formerly the First Directorate of the KGB. The most revealing section concerns atomic spying in the 1940s, when Soviet agents within the topsecret Manhattan Project informed Stalin of America's nuclear capability months before he was told by President Roosevelt at the Yalta Confer-

The hour-to-hour vacillations of Khrushchev during the October 1962 Cuban missile crisis are also partly explained in the history, which cites a barrage of conflicting



Burgess: "patriot to the Soviet Union's ideal"

data from agents in the US escaping from prison in 1966. about America's readiness to is not mentioned at all, and the engage in nuclear war. issue of spying on the US in Opening with a Carré-esque the recent past is ignored, as is the topic of Soviet defectors.

video sequence of a black Volga Sedan cruising through 'An intelligence service has to keep some things secret, by definition," said Colonel Mikhail Lyubimov, Copenha-gen bureau chief of the KGB in the late 1970s and the the double steel doors of the former KGB's espionage directorate at Yasinovo to the strains of Tchaikovsky, the CD-Rom history is a hi-tech. cross-referenced compilation former boss of the defector of video interviews, docu-Oleg Gordievsky. "We are still much more open than our colleagues at line CIA headments and archive film. Colonel Mogin, now in his eighties, says: "Our contacts in British intelligence in the quarters at Langley.

Our aim was to reveal as 1950s and 1960s] were a golden much as possible without period for us. What the British harming the service's reputation or national security." kept secret even from the said Major-General Yuri Kobaladze, head of the press United States was not a secret to us. These people were not department of the SVR.
Though we still have a kind traitors so much as patriots to the ideal of the Soviet Union. of ideology, the philosophy of really think they promoted the intelligence service has changed significantly in the past few years. We are now prepared to admit some of our But for all the apparent frankness, seekers of bombshells will find the account is mistakes, and talk about our

> In the interests of posterity, or perhaps public relations, the obsessively secretive sertensive access to classified files and film material, releasing previously unpublished documents and photographs.

history frankly and openly.

The history was initiated by the SVR more than a year ago in conjunction with a Russian CD-Rom design company. A committee decided which documents could be declassified

General Kobaladze said: We are not ashamed that we want good publicity. In London and Paris you can find hundreds of books



Boy, a 26-year-old Indian elephant at Kiev Zoo, lies sedated yesterday while veterinary surgeons from Ukraine and Colchester Zoo, Essex, fill an infected, fractured tusk. The surgery lasted most of yesterday. As soon as Boy was tranquillised, the team put oxygen tubes up his trunk and began treatment. The tusk should regrow.

Gun lobbyists 'betrayed by Dole'

automatic firearms.

off NRA members from being

active campaign workers in his election," said Tanya Metaksa, the group's chief Washington lobbyist. "NRA

members don't just vote; they

are campaigners, they walk

precincts, they make phone

calls, they stuff envelopes, but

I doubt they'll be active now."

its endorsement until Septem-

ber but Ms Metaksa said that

it was unlikely Mr Dole would

be approved. "President Clin-

ton is the most anti-gun Presi-

The group will not vote on

THE National Rifle Associdorsement of Bob Dole after he decided not to oppose a ban on assault weapons

Thousands of telephone calls, letters and faxes have arrived at the association's headquarters from members who said they felt betrayed by Mr Dole, the Republican nominee who would have expected support from the

Last week, Mr Dole issued a warning that if elected he might veto any repeal of President Clinton's assault weapons ban, enacted two

dent ever to occupy the White use of 19 types of semi-House. But our members are disappointed and disillu-What he has done is turned sioned with last week's state-

ments by Mr Dole." Four years ago, the group refused to endorse President Bush for re-election because he had failed actively to oppose the Brady Bill, the imposition of a five-day waiting period to buy a handgun.

With a membership of three million, the association has been a potent force in American politics but numbers have dwindled in the past two years and, according to figures released at its annual conference, the association's cash and investments have declined by more than half to \$42.8 million (£28 million). The Oklahoma City bomb-

ing and the shooting tragedies in Dunblane and Tasmania appear to have damaged the credibility of an organisation that supports the Second Amendment right to bear arms. But it still wields much political clout on Capitol Hill where 200 Republican House members voted this year to repeal the weapons ban. However, Mr Dole, eager to dis-tance himself from the organisation's radical image. may feel that he no longer

Huge Tiger attack on troop base

Bail appt means in chief will

day dropped commandos near north of here, besieged by thousands of Tamil Tiger rebels in one of the biggest battles of Sri Lanka's 13-year civil war.

Desperate soldiers had called in planes, helicopters and artillery support after waves of guerrillas broke through the Mullaittivu army camp's defence lines shortly after midnight, military officials. als said. Most of the base, with 1,200 soldiers, was said to be in rebel hands. Reinforcements were also arriving by

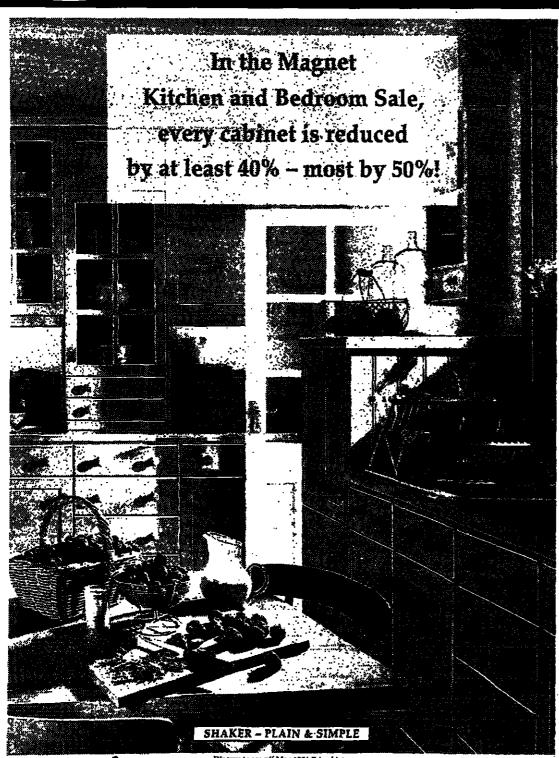
Fijian ban on embassy essays

banned a school essay competition organised by the British Embassy because it says the contest disregards political sensitivities. The topic was: How will your future be affected by Fiji's Constitution? A commission appointed to review the Constitution is expected to table its recommendation to President Mara at the end of this month. (AP)

Eta suspected in barracks attack

Madrid: Three grenades were launched against Civil Guard barracks in the northeastern Spanish town of Puente la Reina but there were no injuries. The suspected Eta attack, the third against paramilitary barracks in the area this month, coincided with the departure of the Tour de France from the Navarre

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Suu Kyi calls for sanctions on Burma

IN BRUSSELS

AUNG SAN SUU KYI, the Burmese democracy campaigner and Nobel peace laureate, called in a smuggled video yesterday for international sanctions to be imposed on Burma to bring pressure on the Rangoon military regime.
"What we want are the kind

of sanctions that will make it quite clear that economic change in Burma is not possible without political change." Daw Suu Kyi said in the appeal, which was shown to members of the European Parliament. "I think that the only people sanctions will affect are the privileged ones." she added.

The video was filmed by Vicky den Ouden, a Dutch journalist, who said she had found Daw Suu Kyi "under tremendous pressure, including emotional pressure" from the Burmese authorities.

Presenting the video to the parliament in Strasbourg, Glenys Kinnock, the British MEP, criticised the European Commission and European Union ministers for failing to take action against Rangoon for fear of damaging European interests in the region. She said the Commission had evidence of forced labour in Burma and urged it to act.

Although Britain, France
and the United States are

reluctant to adopt sanctions, pressure is growing for action. Denmark is leading the drive, spurred by the death in police custody in Rangoon of James Nichols, who served as honor-ary consul there for several European nations.

British soldier is killed in Bosnian shooting incident

A BRITISH soldier serving with the peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina died of gunshot wounds yesterday. Major Brett Boudreau, a Nato spokesman, ruled out

the involvement of any of Bosnia's former warring factions. The incident occurred in the west of the country. More than 30 soldiers in the 50,000strong Nato-led peace force have died since taking over from the United Nations last December. Meanwhile, Richard Hol-

brooke, the American envoy, said he expected to return from his latest round of shuttle diplomacy without assurances from President Milosevic of Serbia to depose Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader wanted for war crimes. Mr Holbrooke, who was

whisked away from his Wall Street investment banking firm in a last-ditch effort to salvage the faltering Dayton peace accord, said this would mean that Dr Karadzic's nationalist Serb Democratic Par-

Karadzic his party may be banned from poll

By Stacy Sullivan in Zagreb

ty (SDS) would probably be banned from Bosnia's elections in September.

The ban, which was called for by Robert Frowick, the American head of the Organ-isation for Security and Cooperation in Europe which is responsible for organising Bosnia's postwar elections, could throw the peace process into its deepest crisis.

Mr Frowick said he would

prohibit the SDS from participating in the elections if Dr Karadzic did not leave the public stage by today. Preelection campaigning has been postponed on account of Dr Karadzic remaining as party leader. The Dayton accords forbid those indicted for war crimes from holding public office or participating in the elections.

However, officials at the Office of the High Representative, run by Carl Bildt, said the Bosnian Serbs would probably boycott the elections if the SDS were banned. "If the SDS is banned, there will be no

elections." Mr Bildt has stepped up diplomatic efforts to unseat Dr Karadzic over the past few weeks, and has been able gradually to sideline the Bosnian Serb leader by forcing him to relinquish his duties to

a deputy. However, the Americans and others insist that as long as Dr Karadzic remains on the political scene, he will use his influence to undermine the Dayton accord. The Muslimled Bosnian Government has threatened to boycott the elections if Dr Karadzic is not removed from all positions of

GIs given a pregnant pause

vative activists who question

IN WASHINGTON

THE code name of Operation Joint Endeavour for the peacekeeping mission in Bos-nia has taken on an extra meaning for up to 70 of America's women soldiers. They have all been sent home

for getting pregnant.
They were declared medically unfit because the heavy equipment harnesses worn by American troops, in Bosnia poses a health risk to pregmant soldiers, the Pentagon said yesterday. America's troops in Bosnia endure a ban

on alcohol but not on sex. The drop-out rate for mothers-to-be was greeted with

scorn in Washington by mem-

bers of Congress and conser-

the wisdom of allowing women into frontline posts. Robert Dornan, the hard-line Republican chairman of a congressional committee on

security and personnel, promised to hold hearings on the pregnancies. He said: They had better not be advising these women to have abortions." The armed services were naive to throw sexually active

men and women together in close quarters in an isolated place, according to Robert Maginnis, a former Pentagon inspector general who is with the Family Research Council. He said that many soldiers use pregnancy as a way of evading unpleasant duty. "If you are uncomfortable sitting

in the mud, feeling bored, getting fed up, unhappy with the food, all you have to do is find someone, get pregnant and you are back home.

The pregnancies, according to Mr Maginnis, were just the tip of the iceberg. "Even generals do it." he said, add-ing that the readiness of a few women to engage in sex created tensions that affected a unit's military efficiency. Other experts said officers

have known since the Gula. War, when pregnancies emerged as a safe ticket home. that sex in the ranks hurts effectiveness. But they said commanders were unable to do much to curb it, given the Clinton Administration's emphasis on promoting sexual equality in the armed forces.

Bail appeal defeat means French rail chief will be fired

THE corruption scandal that is haunting France took two new turns yesterday, with a decision to remand in custody the head of the state railway company and the arrest of the

Mayor of Cannes. Loik Le Floch-Prigent, president of the SNCF railway network, will lose his job after he failed in an appeal against the decision to remand him in custody in connection with an alleged financial scandal. Bernard Pons, the Transport Minister, said before the hearing that M Le Floch-Prigent would be replaced if he remained in prison.

Frederic d'Allest, director of the Lagadère arms-to-telecommunications group, is favourite for the post, according to Le Monde.

Michel Mouillot, the Mayor Cannes, was taken in for police questioning over claims by London Clubs, which runs a casino in the Côte d'Azur town, that he demanded Fr3 million (£385,000) in return for a licence to install slot machines. The money was allegedly destined for M Mouillou's re-election campaign.

Alerted by the company, a French police surveillance unit was present as M Mouillot allegedly told a director to hand over the cash to a 46year-old man at the Ritz Hotel in London. The man, who was known to French detectives as

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FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

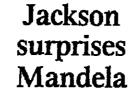
a drug trafficker, was arrested by British police. M Mouillot denies the accusations.

Yesterday's court ruling concerning M Le Floch-Prigent represents a double embarrassment for the Government, which gave him the job last year when it knew that he was suspected of irregularities. The left-wing opposition will argue that his appointment shows that ministers are soft on corruption.

The Transport Ministry must also act quickly to ensure that the new SNCF president takes up a key programme designed to head off damaging conflict with unions. M Le Floch-Prigent was given the post after railway workers took a leading role in the public sector strike movement which crippled France last December. He had recently persuaded the Government

Chirac urges Congo forward

Brazzaville: President Chirac of France yesterday urged the Congolese people to contribute to the building of a "consensual democracy, tailored to African in the West African country. addressing the Congolese parliament on a visit here. (AFP)



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FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

MICHAEL JACKSON, the pop star, made an unexpected appearance at President Mandela's 78th birthday party yesterday.

Jackson, who is visiting South Africa before staging concerts in the country in September, suprised the President, who was spending the morning with his family at a friend's mansion in Johannesburg. There were unconfirmed reports that the star sang for Mr Mandela.

On his arrival Jackson said he was "proud to be home" and later laid a wreath at a cemetery in Soweto in honour of students killed in the 1976 uprising. He hugged children, blew kisses at the crowd and said he loved them.

One resident said: "It is just a publicity stunt. You can't call him a black brother. Some people say he is black but others say he is white."



Michael Jackson is met at Johannesburg airport yesterday by Khoisan X, second left, of the militant PAC

Hillary 'shielded by radio to win funds'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Voice of America, the broadcasting concern which prides itself on accuracy and independence, appeared to have developed something of a sore throat when graced by the presence of Hillary Clinton

esterday.

Long before the First Lady was due to arrive at the Washington headquarters for Talk to America, a phone-in

show aired to millions of people outside America, a memorandum had been circulated around the VOA offices stipulating that certain subjects were off limits.

The document, leaked to The Wall Street Journal, recounted a recent staff meeting with Geoffrey Cowan, director of the government-funded org-anisation and a close friend of President Clinton. "Geoff wants Hillary's VOA visit and TTA appearance to be pleasant. This should help on budget ... Says TTA questions must focus on Hillary trips abroad only ... Geoff firm no questions on Whitewater, healthcare, Paula Jones, Travelgate, Vince Foster etc will be taken from callers."

Mr Cowan said yesterday he remembered instructing his staff that questions should have an international focus but denied that he had issued an edict on forbidden territory. The hint of censorship to ensure the financial security of the VOA, however, caused embarrassment at the organisation. Republicans, who have targeted the agency as profligate, were sharpening their knives to question the implications of Mrs Clinton's

appearance. Her office said no ground rules had been set for the interview but agreed with the suggestion that callers should be confined to a discussion of her international travels.

Accord on global warming

FROM PETER CAPELLA

POLLUTION from burning fossil fuels is being blamed for global warming after a majorindustrialised and developing countries yesterday endorsed a study which has concluded that human activity is the key cause of climate change.

The commitments to stronger anti-pollution measures, announced at the United Nations conference on the Climate Change Convention, brushed aside resistance from oil-producing countries, as well as strenuous lobbying by US companies linked to the

energy and motor industries. More than 154 countries have ratified the UN Convention. They will be free to decide what measures to take to reach future pollution reduction targets, once these are decided on at a conference in Kyoto, Japan, late next year.



President Mubarak describing yesterday's talks

Netanyahu ready to negotiate peace, says Mubarak

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

and unions to accept far-

reaching reforms that in-

volved the state paying off the

SNCF's massive debts in re-

turn for productivity gains.

Commentators gave a warn-

ing that, unless his successor

wins the confidence of union

leaders, further strikes are

In its judgment vesterday,

the Paris appeal court gave its

backing to Eva Joly, an inves-

tigating judge, who said that

could put pressure on other witnesses if he were freed on

M Le Floch-Prigent is under

investigation for alleged irreg-

ularities during his time as

head of Elf-Aquitaine, the oil

company. He is accused of

pumping Fr800 million of Elf's money into Bidermann,

the textile group, which was

run by a friend. In return, he is

alleged to have received per-

sonal favours worth Fr2.5

M Le Floch-Prigent denies

all the charges.

If M d'Allest is front-runner

for a notoriously difficult job,

other names have been men-

tioned by the French press.

These include Louis Gallois,

the president of Aérospatiale,

Alain Gomez, the former head

of the Thomson television-to-

arms group, and Jean-Paul

Bailly, head of the RATP, the

Paris Métro network.

president of the SNCF

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, Israel's Prime Minister, yesterday convinced a sceptical President Mubarak of Egypt that he was sincere in pursuing peace,

despite a hostile reception here. On his first official visit to the Arab world, Mr Netanyahu was left in no doubt of the grassroots anger provoked by his hardline approach, but he was unexpectedly rewarded by Mr

Mubarak with an unscheduled military helicopter flight over the pyramids in recognition of his pledge to keep negotiating with the Palestinians.

Mr Netanyahu announced that next week David Levy, his Foreign Minister, would hold the first Cabinet-level meeting with Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Authority president. He also pledged to partially lift the West Bank blockade and allow 10,000 Palestinian workers a day back into Israel. They have been barred since February's

Islamic suicide bombs.

The Israeli leader faced unprecedented media attacks here. Newspapers made offensive play on the Arabic meaning of part of his name, translated as "stinking". The biggest-selling opposition daily, al-Wafd, carried a crude cartoon depicting the Egyptian President holding his nose as he shook Mr Netanyahu's hand. An editorial by Mustapha Bakri, Editor of the daily al-Ahrar, said: "The birds fly away to avoid smelling your hated fragrance."

'It is sometimes hard to remember that we have had a peace treaty with these people for the past 17 years," said one Israeli journalist flying on the Prime

Mr Mubarak later told reporters he was convinced that Mr Netanyahu was not as bad as he had been painted. When I met him, I had a clear picture about what could happen, a clear picture that he is going to go through the peace process. He is ready to negotiate here and there.



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At 86. Sir Isaiah Berlin says: "I, too, am afraid of dying. Like everyone else, I would like to die in my sleep"



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Why I do not regret lying to my father about life after death

not against it. I'd rather like to think that there is a world after death and that we shall all meet in it people we love. But I don't believe it, because I see absolutely no evidence of it, and no reason for believing in it. It is just a comforting idea for people who can't face the possibility

of total extinction. We didn't talk about death at home. I do not recall my parents ever talking about it. I think my father hoped that there was a future life. In fact, when he was dying, he asked me if I thought there was going to be life after death. I said that yes, I did. That was a lie. A lie, which I uttered because he obviously wanted it to be so and hoped we'd be able to meet again, and I didn't want to tell him what I saw as the bleak truth. So I did not tell the truth, and I don't in the icast regret it. Since I believed that nothing would follow one's death, why should I cause a dying father pain? I wasn't there at the actual moment of his death, and I don't know whether he knew he was dying. He died of leukaemia, but I don't think he had ever heard the word. I don't think he thought he was doomed. He felt weak and ill and may have thought he might be declining, but hoped

It is clear to me that you can't have everything, because some values collide. The idea that there is some world in which there is perfect justice. perfect love, perfect truth, perfect happiness, is not valid. Some of these things are simply not compatible with others and that is the true of our life here. One has to choose. In choosing one value, one thing or another, sometimes you may lose something else which you value. That's what choice entails. Therefore, the idea that somewhere bevond there is a world in which all these values are compatible with each other, will form a harmony, doesn't make sense in any conceptual scheme that I know. If it is true, it doesn't refer to situations that I can conceive of.

Let me add this: if I was asked whether I would mind living for ever — most people say that they would not — I think I would not mind living for ever, always provided that whatever powers there be could guarantee the following: if I could retain one hand, one arm, one leg, one ear, one nostril. a sense of smell, taste. touch, some mental power, and did not have to suffer great pain - if I was guaran-teed all that, and believed in the guarantee, I wouldn't mind living on and on. I'm by

> If I was very ill and I knew that I was dying, I would like euthanasia

nature an observer. I am filled with curiosity and long to know, what next?

I've never seen someone at the moment of death. My father died in hospital; the doctors said he would go on living, and then I was rung up and told he was dead. My mother lived to a great age, and, again, I asked the doctor if I ought to be in London with her, might she soon die? No. 1 was told, she'll live at least another year. She died that night. So I wasn't present when either of them died. I saw my dead father in his bed. when I had to go to the hospital to arrange for the death certificate. I had grown up with him, he was a very nice man, he was very fond of me, he didn't interfere with my life, we always got on very well with each other, I liked his company, he liked mine — and he was gone. I was very, very fond of him, devoted to him. And terribly sorry I'd see him

About fear of death. The Greek philosopher Epicurus said something which I accept: Why are you afraid of death? Where you are, death is not,

In his 86th year, Sir Isaiah Berlin talks to Anna Howard about the beliefs that have shaped his life and why he is frightened of dying

What is it that you fear?"

I, too, am afraid of dying. But only if it's painful. Like everyone else, I would like to die in my sleep. Or be knocked down by a car and not feel it. I'd like the lights put out at once. I don't want to get more and more tired or have a long painful illness. I wouldn't like that a bit. If I was very ill and I knew I was dying, I would like euthanasia. I'm in favour of it. I don't know why people are left to suffer when it's quite clear that they can't go on living. People say God gave us life and it is not ours to dispose of. If you believe that, this argument follows. I don't believe it and therefore I think it is cruel not to terminate people's lives if the alternative is a long period of useless, inevitable suffering.

think about death more now that I am so old. But only in the sense of wondering when I'm going to die. I've lived so long and I'm aston-ished I'm still alive. I really find it very surprising. I never thought I'd live to this age. When I was young, I'd never met anyone who was 80 - 1'm 86! The first time I met people of 80 was in All Souls College in Oxford in the 1930s. There were two old men there. They were ancient monuments! Most people didn't talk to them, they seemed remote from daily life. Old men to me were academics of 65, at most 67, for example Gilbert Murray, and H.A.L Fisher, War-den of New College, who had been a Cabinet Minister under Lloyd George. Eighty-six is very old. Too old, some people would say. But I feel perfectly well; (ve just had a pacemaker and feel better as a result. I don't know when I shall die. but I'm astonished not to be dead already. Astonished and delighted! When I go to bed at night now, I say to myself that I really ought to be very

pleased if I wake next morn-

Where death is, you are not ing. It is a thought, but it doesn't linger with me.
I wouldn't like to be told

> would feel like a pressure upon me, of a disagreeable kind. I live from moment to moment. I don't want to say "three more years, and whatever you can do, you've got to do within that". I don't want to know I'm due to die - it's the last thing I want to know.

> I used to dwell on the past a great deal, when I was younger. Before the war, for example, I thought about the past much more than I ever

I am filled with curiosity and long to know, what next?

thought about anything else. For some reason, since the war - maybe it was after marriage - I haven't thought about it in the same way. I-think about the past, because I remember it. I remember it because a man is writing my biography and he keeps asking me questions. So I try to remember. But on the whole, I don't dwell on the past. Nor on the future. I think about the present. And not much about that — I just go on living. Living, acting, seeing, talking. hearing, reading. I'm not very self-conscious. Nor have I ever been ambitious; I have never aimed at something in the future. I'm simply telling you what I'm like and there are probably millions like me.

The people I meet aren't obsessed with death, as far as I know - at least, they don't talk to me about it. Particularly my contemporaries. There are some people of my own age

who are still alive: Stephen Spender, who died the other day, was my exact contempo-rary. I knew him as an undergraduate in Oxford. I don't think he brooded about death - well, he must have done because he was ill towards the end of his life and he must have had thoughts about it. In fact, one of his doctors was cruel enough to tell him that he didn't think he'd live when I am going to die. That very long. But he didn't talk to me about that. We behaved if everything was normal, as if we would live for ever.

> uden must have thought about death, because he became a Christian. He could be very amusing at times on the subject. "I will tell you," he said, what I think purgatory is like" (Catholics believe in purgatory, but he believed in it Anglo-Catholic). "It is like this: you are locked up in a room with somebody whom you have utterly despised all your life. Not just hated, that would be easier, but despised. couldn't bear to be with, held in the deepest contempt. When you've learnt no longer to despise him or her, and begin to love this person, then you

are let out." I remember that Bertrand Russell, who was of course an atheist, when someone asked him: "Mr Russell, supposing after you die. you find there is another world and you meet God - what will you say to him?" Russell said: "I would say - well, why on earth didn't you give better evidence

of your existence?" I wasn't married until quise late in life and I thought / would never marry, that nobody would wish to marry me. I assumed that I was not attractive to women. So I never approached them as others did, and that might be a little abnormal. But in the end, it all happened. Late in life. My wife is 80 and we have lived together very happily for 40

years. We still do. I have known very little missing in my life - I feel at once slightly ashamed and yet happy about this. I've had a fuller and more contented life than I probably deserve.

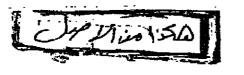
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A man who knows his station



Matthew Bannister, the new BBC Head of Radio: he is confident, brisk, emphatic and convincing . . . and even though he asserts that Chris Evans is the most talented entertainer in British broadcasting, he is no Yahoo

Matthew Bannister is custodian of BBC radio's crown jewels. How well will he care for them?

lue skies over Birmingham, where the Radio Academy convened this week. The BBC has at last found a man who can communicate without sounding like a dyslexic Dalek or a bullying prep school master. Matthew Bakhister, the new Head of Radio — Liz Forgan's replacement — managed to put across the BBC's case with a confident baritone delivery: brisk, emphatic and convincing.

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When he was given the job last month, the Disgusteds of Tunbridge Wells protested on Feedback that "the man who formerly ran Radio l, a station played by mechanics in garages, had been given the crown jewels". And wasn't he the man who had axed the ageing disc-jockeys on Radio l, "the station your mum listened to over a cup of cocoa", and installed the odious Chris Evans?

Bannister wears the tough expression that comes naturally to one with eyes on the piggy side and heavy jowls. He is 39, stockily-built; his hair curls over his collar. But he is no Yahoo.

To begin his speech entitled "Tomorrow" he used a hoary but effective ploy. He read out newspaper headlines such as Opposition mounts in BBC to new programme plans". from The Times and extracts from news stories such as "Grievance and resentment run deep Broadcasting House ... conflict between cost-conscious bureaucrats and those innocent people who say they just want to make pro-g mmes — and then revealed that these were all from January 1970; when the BBC thiefs announced that the Home Service and the Third Programme were to be replaced by newfangled Radio 4

No change at the BBC happens without enraging both its staff and the public. Three years ago I was at the same Birmingham radiolest. to hear Mark Tully's blast against the BBC and against John Birt's managerial communications. "so chillingly formalised and systematised". engendering "a sense of lear". It has been clear in the years since that more than half the rage and fear is caused, ironically, by bad presentation and inept communication.

and Radio 3.

Hence the general confidence inspired this week by Bannister's first appointment. James Boyle as new Controller for Radio 4. Boyle has that reassuring Scots voice, and immediately endeared himself even to Radio 4 vigilantes with his Today phone-in. Asked what was the abiding characteristic of Radio 4. Boyle cannily replied "intelligence".

Bannister, unlike his predecessor, is a born-and-bred radio man. He read law at Nottingham University but got the Drama Society third, having spent all his time on the stage. Afterwards, he took a dogsbody apprenticeship at Radio Nottingham at £3,000 a year, progressing from rock shows and religious programmes to presenting a current affairs breakfast show.

Eight years ago he was just about to move from Capital to GLR when a terrible blow struck. His first wife, Amanda Walker, a BBC journalist, drowned while swimming in the sea on holiday on the Costa Blanca. Bannister was playing with their small daughter Jessica on the beach when her body was brought ashore. "It was a traumatic time," he said. He had to fling himself into his new job, which was running GLR.

Happily, he found a new wife, "even more high-powered than I am", an EMI vice-president who travels the world. They have a som-Joseph, six, and live their fast-track life from a house in North Kensington, with an elderly live-in namy named Lydia and a cottage in West Sussex to escape to at weekends.

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He was brought up in Sheffield (hence Birtian vowels and his pronunciation of Radio Won), the eldest of three sons of a British Steel research chemist who was also a radio comedy enthusiast. So he grew up with the Goons and Round

e does not have to be told that the BBC's Radio 3 and 4 audiences are sensitive, critical and resistant to change. As with renaming pubs, any tampering with schedules makes people feel amputated from their pasts. Recent débacles over Gerry Anderson (the wrong voice for Radio 4) and Paul Gambaccini (wrong for Radio 3) have proved the power of the listener. Which is as it should be: radio, of all media. is the most intimate. Bannister understands that unique relationship. He says he has no plan to change Radio 4's abid-ing aura of well-researched, crafted and authoritative pro-

But Bannister also defends his assertion that Chris Evans is "the most talented entertainer operating in British broadcasting today". I sampled Evans yesterday and could not endure for more than five minutes the manic you-don't-have to-be-mad-to-work-here-have it helps atmosphere.

have the harmony have the harmony have the harmony harmony has been but it has been but it has been but have and decency, but he waxes fyrical about Evans's "instinctive broadcaster's ability to invent fantasies, events, ideas

from nothing".

I thought I should warn him about the fatuity of trying to wean listeners from one BBC

s just station to another. We all tall to gravitate to a station according to age and need. "Audience reach" is a spurious goal. You alist, don't get the young to graduate to Radio 4 by grafting on regional voices, any more than you will persuade us Radio 4 types to enjoy Chris Evans.

"Yes. We shouldn't try to reach out by doing things that are out of nature and character with the service," he said. "But we can commission new ideas which might bring people in. Radio 4 comedy like On The Hour, which spawned Alan Partridge, brought in new talent — and new listeners."

The point about the five BBC stations is that a listener knows almost instantaneously whether a programme sounds right for the station. People have instantly discovered that Goodness Gracious Me — a sharp, witty Asian comedy show — is dead right for Radio 4, while Cross Questioned, a dire panel game with a giggling Caroline Quentin in the chair, is emphatically not.

"Look, we are having these conversations all the time," Bannister said. "Some new ideas seem pretty ropey at first but you can work on them. We have the wonderful security of public funding. It takes time to know whether a radio show works." But if they had heeded listeners' immediate and visceral reactions, it need not have taken so long before they put Gerry Anderson out of his misery? He said they had to give it time and do proper research first.

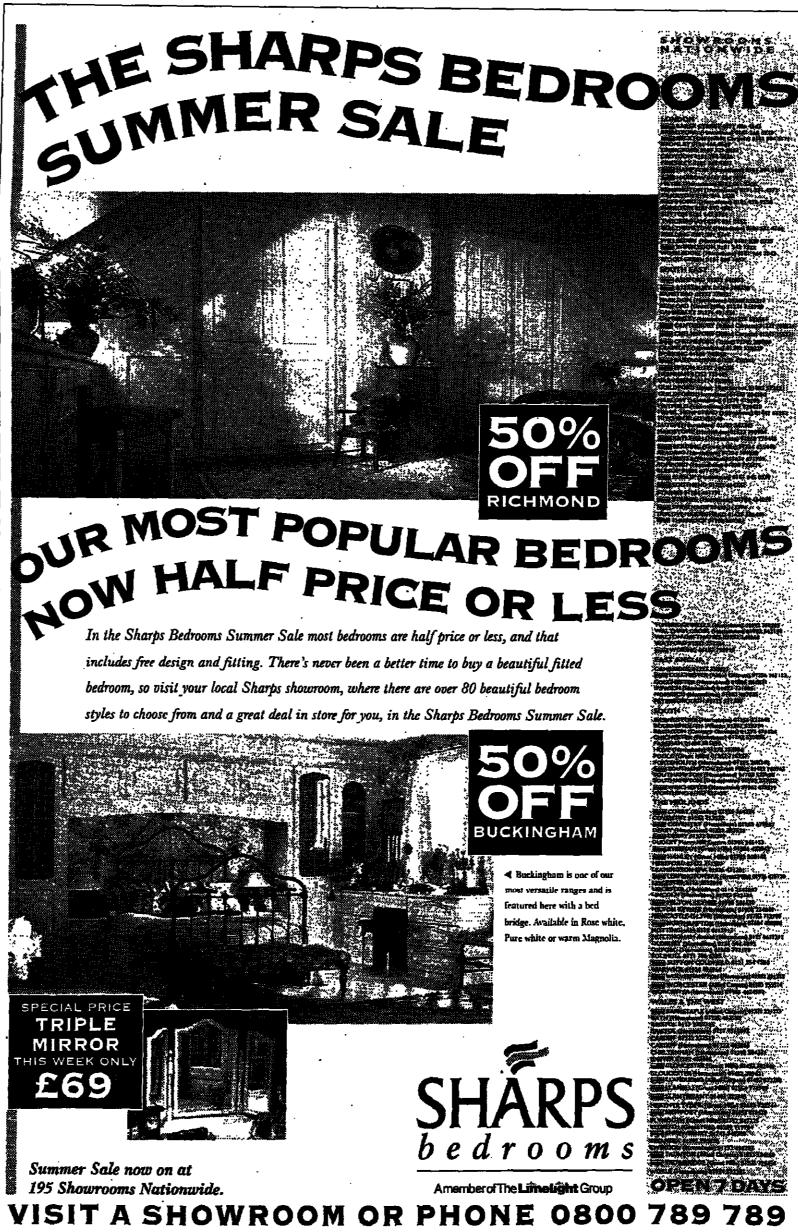
"It's like coming into your own house and finding someone has moved the furniture around. It is disconcerting. But if you persevere, it may just be that the sofa is now in a better position to see the view

from the window."
Radio listeners' stormtossed existence is not over yet.
Yesterday John Birt faced a
parliamentary grilling about
the World Service. Bannister
— whose remit does not include the World Service —
insists that the hue and cry
within Bush House is abating:
Tony Hail's eloquent speech to
the academy had converted

The job of radio chief, Bannister is discovering, is to allay fears. "Bi-media does not mean putting television programmes out on the radio," he explained to his audience. "It just means our broadcasters have the exciting potential to broadcast in either medium, which only the BBC can offer."

Broadcasting House, "a building we all feel emotional about", will not be "full of accountants". "When news and current affairs move into TV Centre, BH will still be full of programme broadcasters from Radios I, 2, 3 and 4."

And by late 1997 we shall all want DAB — Digital Audio Broadcasting. It will solve the two great irritations of radio: interference (there is none) and tuning in (you push a button). Even the diehards of Tunbridge Wells will take to it. They just need a Bannister to tell them so without feeling they are being bullied into



Grilling the Pear 3000kes whizz-kids of Whitehall

Ministers mustn't hide behind

officials, says Sue Cameron

The "kids" who wrote the Treasury report leaked to The Times this week are mature enough to be aware that Whitehall is about to find itself in the eye of a constitutional storm. Mandarins are going to find it harder to keep their secrets secret - especially from inquisitive MPs. That is why the report proposes a pre-emptive bid by Treasury officials to improve contacts with the chairmen of Commons select committees.

The House of Commons may be about to reassert itself against the executive, in a move that could set the leaders of both major parties against backbench MPs. The reformers want to make named civil servants directly answerable to MPs under certain circumstances — notably when the Government machine is being accused of misconduct, misjudgment or maladministration. They believe senior officials and the chief executives of government agencies should answer to Commons select committees without ministers having an automatic right to gag them or to stop particular civil servants appearing at all.

For years governments have insisted that officials can give evidence to select committees only on behalf of their ministers and under their direction. It is a rule that has never been endorsed by the Commons. It means that ministers can forbid officials to answer awk-ward questions from MPs, or ban named civil servants from appearing before select committees altogether - as they did after the Westland fiasco and again when the Trade and Industry Select Committee started looking into the Iraqi Supergun affair. On the latter occasion, the Government's refusal to allow two retired officials to appear was condemned by Sir Richard Scott as a "failure to comply fully

with the obligations of accountability to Parliament". It was the Scott report on exports to Iraq that started calls for change, for it insisted that ministers must make "the best first-hand evidence" available to investigating select committees. Often that means civil servants, not ministers. Much of the time, ministers are happy for their officials to speak freely to select committees. The trouble comes when the Government has something to hide. That is when

ministers want to gag officials. But now the cry for reform has been taken up by the mandarins' own trade union, the First Division Association. The association is concerned because the Scott inquiry showed how easily civil servants can be blamed for wrongdoing or incompetence, even though they have no opportunity to defend them-

selves publicly.

Already the Trade and Industry Committee has spelt out the shortcomings of the present system in its latest report. The main finding of the report which covered export licensing and the UK-based company BMARC, was to clear the former Treasury and defence minister Jonathan Aitken of any misconduct. Those sections of the press which had been baying for Mr Aitken's

blood were none too keen on

advertising such a finding, which meant that the committee's recommendations on Whitehall also went largely unreported. Yet these were of

huge import.
"We have no quarrel," says the report, with the principle that civil servants give evidence on behalf of their ministers, subject to an overriding obligation not to provide untrue or misleading answers. However, it is not a necessary consequence of that principle that ministers have complete freedom to determine which questions civil servants may answer, even when the reason for refusing to answer is only departmental or ministerial embarrassment."

The committee goes on to suggest that the Commons should specify the reasons it is willing to accept for civil servants refusing to answer questions - such as national security. Such a move would introduce a vital additional check on the power of the executive, making it harder for unscrupulous or incompetent ministers to hide. The Public Services Committee is expected to make a similar call when it reports later this month.

Predictably, the Government is against any such change, on the spurious ground that it would reduce the accountability of elected ministers to the Commons. But what of new Labour? Surely the party of constitutional reform must favour more vigorous Commons controls over the unbridled power of government? Not so. Tony Blair and his Shadow team are every bit as conservative as John Major and his ministers. Senior Labour people trot out exactly the same threadbare arguments about ensuring that elected ministers, rather than unelected officials, are accountable to the Commons.

abour and Tory backbenchers think differently. The Trade and Industry Committee, chaired by Labour's Martin O'Neill, accepts that while ministers must be accountable for everything that happens in their departments, they cannot be held responsible for things that are done in their name but which they know nothing about. "Without examining the internal workings of a department, it is likely to be difficult or impossible to ascertain where a minister's personal responsibility ends," the MPs say. "Select committees cannot leave it to ministers to determine that point, since whenever anything has gone wrong, ministers will have a strong interest in minimising the area of their personal responsibility. The doctrine that accountability and responsibility are separate therefore requires that select committees be able to take evidence from named

civil servants."

Ironically it is the Government itself that has been the chief exponent of the idea that accountability and responsibility are quite different matters. But the Government, whether it be Tory or Labour, cannot have it both ways. If ministers are to escape blame. then MPs must be able to cross-examine civil servants freely, in order to find out where the blame does lie.



That sinking feeling

ondon Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down, London Bridge is fall ling down, my fair lady. I don't want to worry you, but whoever coined that jingle wasn't far off the mark, particularly because the nursery rhyme has another, even gloomier, version, viz., that Westminster Bridge is broken down; it has been worked on for a long time, and I don't know if they have got it right. Earth hath little to show more depressing than those eternal roadworks. Oh yes, London's bridges are falling down, falling down, falling down, London's bridges are falling down,

my fair lady. Worse, there is considerable evidence that Tower Bridge itself will shortly slide quietly into the Thames, which would certainly bring sorrow to lifelong Londoners like me and all those visitors who never got here. (No. dear. Madame Tussaud's would

not be an adequate substitute.) I am not joking now. Tower Brids is one of the most ridiculous but splendid buildings ever put up in London or anywhere else (it is exactly 101 years old) and the traffic on it is shaking it to pieces. For some time, there has been a good lot of patching and stitching, but a firm of engineering works has been called in to give it the once-over, and heads have been shaking gloomily. (There has also been a lot of pie-in-thesky; who started the rumour that there was going to be a wonderful area around Tower Bridge, filled with brand new playhouses and concert-halls?)

Who (I wouldn't be surprised if it was Ted Heath) gave the whistle for the giant 12-wheel forries that have destroyed most of our great cities' roads? And that is no exaggeration, for I have proof; I never learnt to drive, and I suffocate in the Tube, so the London taxi-men feast on me, and once upon a time I could read the

newspapers as I went. No more. I come back to Tower Bridge. The expert engineers say that if the volume of traffic thundering over that mighty but loony edifice continues. the great bridge will last only ten years, or 15 at best. And the same experts tell us that the Rotherhithe Tunnel (which is getting on for the same age as the Bridge) will die just as the Bridge does. How could it be otherwise when there are 35,000 vehicles going over the Bridge every day and 30,000 similarly going through the Tunnel? The grim truth Not only are London's bridges falling down — the entire infrastructure

is collapsing. And as for Pisa . . .

is what the Road Federation man

. . . the findings clearly show that structures designed for another age cannot meet the needs of a modern capital. This situation only serves to highlight a London-wide problem of growing demand being placed on increasingly decrepit infrastructure. It is a situation which will worsen in the future if remedial action is not taken. It is impossible to plan either for the long or short term with a transport infrastructure that is in an unreliable

or even dangerous condition . . . it has ed that as the tide rises and falls and river-bed materials shift. the centre of the Rotherhithe tunnel is ends remain in fixed positions. Though heavy protective pads have been sunk over the timpel, the stresses threaten to rupture the ageing tubing, which dates

happy going regu-

larly through a tunbeneath the water which is constantly lifting and settling and which dates from 1908? That's nothing The grim truth is that the entire

infrastructure upon which we live is sinking. When last measured, it was found that the entire Palace of Westminster is two millimetres lower than before; true, two millimetres are hardly enough to get John Major drowned, but beloved Big Ben himself has sunk three millimetres deeper. But "Daftest Bugger of the Month Rosette" must, surely, go to the London Under-ground spokesman who said, The problem we are finding is that the historic buildings in Westminster just aren't as well-built as the

modern ones." Ah, but what about the Leaning Tower of Pisa, eh? We have all seen pictures of it, and many of us have been there. Those who go there are invariably cornered, most genially, by the sellers of guide-books and nuts for the birds, but for a few more lire they can enjoy the Great Tower Joke. This takes the visitor a specified distance from the Tower; the visitor stands as if beside the Tower with hand outstretched; the vendor steps back and clicks his camera; when the visitor sees the picture it looks exactly as though he had been holding up the

But someone will have to hold up

the Tower. It is one of the oldest monuments in Italy. Charlemagne came here, to what was a truly great city. It began in the 11th century, and the Pisans continued to add to their prize with great mosaics and bronze doors. frescoes, a beautiful baptistery, a camedral, a Cambo Santo, a ceme tery. And then, the very last item was built - a bell tower. And that bell tower is the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Galileo was born in Pisa, but almost all the stories of him are Dear reader - would you be quite apocryphal; he didn't say "Eppur si

muove", though he certainly thought it: he didn't throw stones off the Leaning Tower to demonstrate his theories. But you see, the Leaning Tower began to lean early in its life. Fall or no fall, the Pisans'

great monument has already stood for more than seven hundred years. and if it falls now, it can be proud of itself.

I must have been one of the last to climb that wonderful tower, because in 1990 it was closed to the public the danger was too great. Mind you, when I did climb that staircase I came down trembling; the famous tilt has an extraordinarily powerful pull; going towards the outside (there is nothing to hang on to) I thought I would be thrown over the edge. Incidentally, is it true, as I have heard, that no one has committed suicide by throwing himself off the Leaning Tower, by contrast with the substantial number of suicides from the Eiffel Tower?

But hark! Yet again, a bevy of scientists has galloped to the rescue of the wonderful tower; this time it is one Paolo Heiniger with his idea. There is talk of giant electrodes planted deep into the earth beneath the Tower, and 750 tonnes of lead have been put in.

But that is not the only tower with troubles. When the Venetians' greatest tower, the Campanile in San Marco, collapsed at the start of this century, it had endured for a thousand years, easily beating the Pisans', but of course Venetians can never leave well alone. There was a thunderous argument as to whether it should be rebuilt as it had looked for a millennium or whether the space should be left clear, opening more of the piazza, or even whether to rebuild it in another place. The dovera, com'era army ("where it

was, as it was") won easily.

There are more leaning towers than you might think; in Venice itself there are dozens that are at least a bit wonky, and one - S Giorgio dei. Grechi - that really makes newcomputs it: "It started to lean as soon as it was built in 1592, and has always been a source of anxiety.")

e don't have many leaning towers ourselves, but we have a good few figures that we would like to see roll off a cliff. Over the years, we have managed to come to terms with the Albert Memorial, only to find that it is now entirely shrouded in hideous coverings for ever. It was supposed to be cleaned and made safe, but I have not seen or heard anybody at work there. (Here, I used to play my Albert Memorial trick: if you studied the figure you could see that Albert holds a book in the crook of his arm. The trick was to ask: what is the book? No, it is not the Bible — too obvious, Nor Queen Victoria's Diaries. I would offer a clue: it is most apposite. Even then,

very few got the answer.) And now, I learn that the Admiralty Arch is up for sale: like everybody else, I thought it was a joke, and it isn't. Why can't these pests be sent to Edinburgh and made to live for the rest of their lives on the steps of the Scott Monument? And how goes the rescue of the Taj Mahal? When last I heard, the battle to clear from the sky the dreadful poisons which are rotting that great monument was

under way; any news? (And Albert's book? It is, of course, the catalogue to the Great Exhibition

Philip Howard



True sports fans want to be on the side that's losing

The big match between Ian Botham and Imran Khan in the High Court is providing a midsummer entertainment. There is no point in complaining that it is childish. As friends say, the only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys in this case the cost of the lawyers. One finds oneself in the unique and embarrassing posture of shouting for the lawyers on both teams. May their fees be huge (not that they need our cheers to secure that). But it is difficult to know whom else to cheer for in this international the unsporting spirit. And may whoever wins never be called to

bat again. I always fail the Tebbit Test. I do not see how anybody who enjoys cricket could not have shouted for India in the recent series. They had the one player of genius in Tendulkar. But Ganguly also played his strokes with wit and style, and though Kumble was underbowled, a leg-spin bowler is so much more interesting to watch than our dreary intimidators. The Indians played as though they were enjoying themselves - literally. for sport. Our grim professionals never looked as though they were having a good time, except when Cork indulged in unpleasant playground triumphalism when (on the rare occasion) he

took a wicket. The hard professionals of English cricket, down the order from Atherton and Stewart back through Gooch and Gatting to Boycott (who is much more fun now as commentator than he ever was as the most boring and selfish opening bat in the history of the game) have been hard to cheer for. Gower, the only recent English player to make batting a pleasure rather than a profession, was course dropped for not taking the game boringly enough. Nat-urally we cheer for Sri Lanka. who bat as though they would risk their lives for a perfect cover drive, rather than the cautious

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sigger nations. The trouble with the Tebbit Test is that it has no conception of what sport is for. Sport means shouting for the underdog, painting your face for David against Goliath, admiring a beautiful late cut even though it wins the match for your opponents, cheering for Yeovil Town against Manchester United.

But even I was worried when I found myself shouting for Germany against England in the semifinals of Euro 96. Some of this anti-Tebbitry may have been atavistic sour grapes because Terry Venables had not selected me for his squad. Part of it was because I had to stay at the office to write a "Football comes Home piece when England won. I tried rewriting when eventually Germany hacked it, substituting "Germany" for "England" and vice versa, but by that time cars were burning in Trafalgar Square. So it seemed an inappropriate day for a paean in praise of footy, and

we spiked the whole idea. in any case, the behaviour of the pitch of our players, marager and Daily Mirror was infantilely unsporting. Germany looked the better side and had the better supporters. They had lost their two best players. The German players confirmed their sporting ap-pearance by allowing their PRs to take a full page in *The Times* after the final to thank us for being good hosts. Can you imagine our infantile and surly shower doing that? In the final. of course, I shouted for the Czech Republic on the principle of cheer for the underdog and hope

for the unexpected.
So in the golf at Lytham St Anne's today, sportsmen will be shouting for players of style and danger, the Spaniard Severiano Ballesteros rather than the grim Amer-English professional Nick Faldo, who looks as glum as if he had a putter rammed up his 18th hole. It has been impossible to shout for England at rugby against much smaller nations (even Wales), while the officials are such mercenary and incompetent old farts, and the players are dreary kickers, bulldozers and percentage players, shut-ting out the flair of risk-taking artists such as Stuart Barnes

and Jeremy Guscott. So at the Olympics we Tebbittraitors shall groan at the big banalions and the familiar pomp of their national anthems. and cheer for the little men and women from unknown countries who come from nowhere to take the gold. And as for the High Court, that has nothing to do with sport, except legally.

Royal stink

Princess of Wales Conservatory at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Just days after the royal divorce was set in motion, a plant that hasn't flowered for more than 30 years is beginning to bloom; it will unleash a stench so fearsome that gardeners are already running for their smelling salts.

The Titan Arum, a native of Sumatra, is otherwise known as the "corpse flower" because of the suffocating stink of its metre-high flower. It last produced a flower at Kew in 1963, and on the previous occasion, in 1926, police had to be called in to control boisterous crowds of visitors egging each other on to sample its foul odour of putrid flesh.

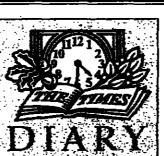
To flower, the plant, grown out of an enormous tuber weighing likg, needs an exact combination of a dry winter followed by specific temperatures and humidity in summer. The bloom is expected in a week or so, but will wither after three days.

"I haven't smelt it myself, but it is supposed to be a mixture of rotting fish and burnt sugar: visitors will find it quite unpleasant." says Jenny Evans, assistant curator in charge of Kew's tropical section. It's a bit of a problem. We are planning a one-way system for viewing, because we don't want people fighting to get near it and then being killed in the stampede to get away."

● A reformed character, Johnny Rotten. The Sex Pistols' lead singer, who encouraged his audience to spit at him during his shows in the 1970s, was aghast when a young fan revived the habit



Look but don't inhale



at a concert on Wednesday night in Shepherds Bush, west London. "Yuk!, that's disgusting," shouted Rotten before emptying his bottle of Perrier over the miscreant in a frenzied revenge.

Prime time

MORE good news for Joe Klein, the Newsweek writer who recently unmasked himself as the "Anonymous" author of Primary Colours, the barely fictionalised account of President Clinton's 1992 campaign: Fidel Castro is a

big fan.
The Cuban leader was sported on a recent flight stuck into the closing pages of Primary Colours, doubtless doing some background work on his opponent during the present sanctions fracas. Despite his resolute refusal to speak English, Castro is known to understand it when important works of fiction are at hand.

Left out?

IS Derek Hatton planning to bring his unique militant approach to new Labour? I ask because the Liverpool firebrand spent an eveming deep in conversation with a couple of Tony Blair's top team of Labour MPs at a party thrown on Wednesday by the Sun-

day Express. Hatton said he was done with



"I know Di and Fergie are

politics: "But I tell you, I like some of what Tony Blair's doing. Yeah, new Labour's fine." I understand Degsy was particularly inpressed by the arrival of Peter Mandelson in a chauffeur-driven

Dog-gone

STILL MISSING: one border collie answering to the name of Peter and with a faux-aristocratic langour inherited from his owner, the actor Anthony Andrews.

Local newspapers around Salisbury have been carrying advertisements asking for the return of the nine-year-old black-and-tan dog, which went missing recently with his friend, a Jack Russell called

A sizeable reward is on offer. We have had dogs all our lives." says Andrews, his ears visibly wilting, but Peter is probably the most important. He has spanned generations. We are all devastated."

Mr Pud

IN CHIGWELL, Essex, the excitement is hard to bear. One of Hollywood's biggest stars has let it be known that he likes the place and wants a property in the locality.



Marion Brando, a man for whom man-sized hankies would never be enough, dropped in for lunch unannounced to Ye Olde King's Heade in Chigwell on Tuesday with his two daughters, his grandson and his minder. The oversize family party was ushered to the pub's Country Carvery and then to a quiet booth where Brando lapped up several lemonades and a pork curry, large helping.

"Marlon spent two hours here," says a regular. "A hell of a lot of lemonade." And puddings?



FOLLOW THE LEADER

Labour must be tough on strikes and the causes of strikes

ATLANTA'S HOUR

From Southern defeats and segregation to Olympic City

The Labour Party should be showing a little more of the traditional trade union virtue of solidarity. That does not mean standing shoulder to shoulder on the picket line with the members of Aslef and the RMT who have so wantonly damaged the capital's interests by their strike on the London Underground, Labour should, instead, be vigorously supporting its leader. Tony Blair is right to want the Tube strike called off. He has been ill-served so far by the grudging words of Robin Cook and the sullen silence of John Prescott. If Mr Blair's party is to speak credibly for the citizen and against vested interests at the next election then it should, audibly and enthusiastically, support him now.

The strike is the bluntest of instruments and these strikers have the weakest of cases. London Underground have offered Tube drivers an increase of 3.2 per cent which would take basic salaries to £25,436, a higher figure than that paid to the multilingual drivers on advanced Eurostar trains. The strikers are holding out for a reduction in their working week by one hour to 37.5 hours. For the sake of an hour a week these handsomely-paid men paralyse a city. The cost to commerce, inconvenience to the public and damage to the capital's tourist reputation are incalculable. Arbitration is available but the unions want confrontation. Seldom in the last ten years can industrial muscle have been so crudely directed with such slender justification.

Recognising the scale of anger in London. and aware of the marginal seats clustered along its commuter belt, it is understandable that Mr Blair should have intervened in the dispute. His decision to have David Blunkett, Labour's Education and Employment spokesman, call for a return to work is an astute response to public feeling. Mr Blair's stance will have a resonance outside the capital. It is intended to demonstrate there is steel behind Labour's rhetoric of future.

In the early morning tomorrow a spectacu-

ar ceremony will signify the opening of the

centenary Olympic Games. For the next two

weeks the eyes of the world will be on

Atlanta, where a drama involving 29 sports

and 271 events will be played out - a far cry

from the amateur Athens affair of 1896. With

the Americans in charge, a few matters may

be certain: it will be meticulously organised

and make a tidy profit. This is no small

achievement in itself: Montreal, the host city

20 years ago, was virtually bankrupted by

This is the second time in 12 years that the

Games have been staged in the United

States. Los Angeles was the venue in 1984.

That might strike neutrals as dull or unfair.

The two cities are superficially similar. Both

have grown beyond recognition since the

war. In each case expansion has come from

the sun-belt shift in America's population -

fuelled by the rise of modern commun-

ications and the invention of the air

conditioner that made life bearable. Both are

capitals of regional empires: Los Angeles

that of the entertainment industry: Atlanta

the commercial and cultural centre of the

Beyond that though, they are quite separ-

ate - above all on the question of race. Los

Angeles is a vast sprawl but seemingly soul-

less with it, a gigantic set of suburbs linked

by freeways without much of a common

core. Inner LA is almost exclusively the

preserve of the poorest minorities, especially

black citizens: community relations are ever

on the edge of an explosion. In their different

ways the riots of 1992, triggered by the

The wreck of a Roman ship on the seabed a

mile off Hayling Island could help us

rewrite more than marine archaeology. If

carbon dating and dendrochronology of its

foreign wood establish that this is the

genuine navis, the find could revive interest

in two fascinating questions. Why did the

Roman Empire fall? Why did the British

Romans hated the sea. Because of this

hatred. Rome was an absurdly inconvenient

place from which to run an empire. Every

army had to march long leagues to the top of

Italy before making a sinister or a dextrous

turn to do any conquering. Unsurprisingly,

In his famous set-piece in On the

Republic, Cicero praised Romulus for his

wisdom in avoiding the coastal sites of

Greek cities when he founded Rome. In this

the Romans soon tired of this.

the experience.

thriving New South.

"fairness, not favours" towards trade unions. It is part of the broader strategy of distancing New Labour from interest group, and trying to identify it with the citizen which Tony Blair has imported from Bill Clinton's new Democrats.

Unfortunately for Mr Blair, his own lack of trade union roots and the reaction of his colleagues have undermined his efforts to end the strike. Asked if he supported his leader Robin Cook could only mutter that. "I share collective responsibility for anything any of us say." John Prescott, according to one colleague, had to be "scraped off the wall" when he heard the news. Mr Prescott may enjoy RMT sponsorship but he is also Mr Blair's deputy. He stands higher in the affections of the unions than any other member of the Labour leadership. Once before, at the 1993 Labour Party Conference on the principle of One Member, One Vote, Mr Prescott used his authority to persuade the labour movement to adapt to reality and support its leader. In the interests of his party, and the travelling public, he should again use his influence and echo his lender's call for a return to work.

If, however, Mr Blair wants Labour to be a truly modern party he must be not only tough on strikes, but also tough on the causes of strikes. It is no co-incidence that the industrial unrest which has caused such misery this summer, on the Underground and in the Royal Mail, occurs in the public sector. The Tube drivers are insulated from the consequences of their action by their state-subsidised employer in a way that the British Airways pilots who drew back from a strike are not. Legislation has helped promote industrial peace but what has guaranteed it is the discipline of the marketplace. Labour is right to call for arbitration now, but if its leaders are now genuine champions of the consumer they should also be arguing for enterprise in the

Rodney King beating, and the trial and acquittal of OJ Simpson last year, both

demonstrated this, Black politicians can

occasionally reach the top, as mayor Tom

Bradley did, but the power structure is

overwhelming white with an increasingly

Atlanta is different. The former railway

town that now sits at the intersection of six

interstate highways, and boasts the best and

busiest airport in America, was the cradle of

the civil rights revolution, the home and

political base of Martin Luther King. Before

then it had a turbulent past. The city was

burnt to the ground by General Sherman

during the War between the States and

became a seedbed of southern resentments

over the next century, only recently, and

reluctantly, abandoning its rigid

over the past three decades. The slogan "A

city too busy to hate" is an extravagant claim

but not outrageous by the standards of

American cities. Integration is clearly visible

in its politics, not least in the achievements of

then-mayor Andrew Young in capturing this

tournament. That spirit is also present and

Atlanta is the spiritual capital both of

Black America as well as the economically

self-confident New South of Newt Gingrich.

The overwhelming preponderance of Af-

rican-Americans among their track athletes

makes the setting all the more appropriate.

This, not the popular cliche of a Coca-Cola

Olympics is what will give these Games a

They insisted on the largest possible

numbers of ships — they knew that a momentary caprice of jealous Neptune

could turn a claim of Veni, Vidi, Vici into a

cry of glug, glug, glug.
Romans may have feared the sea but there

was the need for luxury imports. The Monte

Testaccio (Broken Pot Mount) outside Rome

was made up of 53 million imported olive oil

amphorae deliberately broken after their

contents were transferred into larger storage

vessels. It is a kilometre around at the base

and represents an oil lake of 6,000 million

litres. The Roman plebs lived on imported

corn, 150,000 tons a year shipped from

Egypt, but twice as much again from Sicily

and North Africa. This is a rare statistic

Miletus and linen from Egypt. His wife

wore silks from China, decorated herself

with pearls from India, and made up with

cosmetics from Arabia. He seasoned his

food with Indian pepper and sweetened it

with Athenian honey, and had it served on

dishes of Spanish silver by British slaves. He

washed it down with Sicilian wine decanted

So hatred of the sea did not extend to

hating imports by sea. This Roman ship-

wreck is a reminder that before Britain

learned to rule the waves Rome had a good

try at doing so. But it would still be

interesting to find out in which direction the

ship was sailing when it went down, and

who made up its crew. Perhaps they were

Roman Britons, the first seadogs of Empire.

The wealthy Roman dressed in wool from

from the ancient world.

from Syrian glass.

getting stronger in the corporate domain.

But Atlanta has seen a social revolution

segregation.

special flavour.

VENI, VIDI — GLUG, GLUG, GLUG

When Julius Caesar ruled the waves - or tried to

important Asian-American element.

(Editor, The Observer, 1993-95). Editor, South China Morning Post, 29 Floor, Dorset House. 979 King's Road. Quarry Bay, Hong Kong.

tuitous insults, I am delighted that Anthony Howard largely agrees with my assessment (Media, July 10) of The Observer is in the mess it is and why its owners have proven themselves to be largely unfit to restore its fortunes.

ANDREW JASPAN (Editor, The Observer, 1995-96). 2 Glasslyn Road, N8. July 16.

From the Chairman, The Scott Trust Sir, I'm sure the Scott Trust has plenty to learn from Anthony Howard about running liberal newspapers. How could one fail to be impressed by such a famous pillar of The Observer from the days when it was owned by Lon-

of its direct commercial competitors.

amateurs. This is a funny way to describe a body whose collective editorial adds up to about 150 years, and its managerial experience to at least 100 years. It has run The Guardian with bringing the same quality to the paper over whose dismal fall from grace Mr Howard presided as deputy editor.

The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, ECI.

From Mr Victor Olliver

Sir. Anthony Howard attributes the decline of *The Observer* to a drying up of heroic liberal causes, yet I suspect the truth has a lot more to do with

thinness than anything else. Relative to The Sunday Times's expanding multi-sectional girth through the Eighties, *The Observer* gradually took on a pinched, anorexic look, failing the first test of value for money as

A quality Sunday paper must promise to get one through the bulk of an idle day, a selling point that renders such quaint considerations as editor-ial politics or "causes" of secondary

Yours faithfully VICTOR OLLIVER, 3 Bessborough Terrace, Lancing, West Sussex. July 16.

Government's curriculum chief, that students of history (report. July 17) will gain a better understanding of present-day issues from studying the rise of America and Russia as superpow-ers, China in revolution, and the demise of apartheid in South Africa than topics like Henry VIII and Oliver Cromwell, which are really no more relevant than Jack and the Beanstalk

Yours sincerely,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trusting the trust on 'The Observer'

From the Editor of the South China Morning Post

Sir. The current flurry of words over The Observer and the behaviour of the Scott Trust, in which Anthony Howard joined this week ("A paper without a cause", July 16), may prove to be an eddy in a journalistic teaspoon. But, despite having recently suffered the very fate predicted by Philip Hope-Wallace of being sacked by a liberal paper around Christmas, I found Mr Howard's doubts about whether Lonrho was any worse an owner than the

Scott Trust surprising.

Lourho's ownership saw The Observer going to the brink of extinction in a merger with the Independent on Sunday. It saw an annual loss rising to more than £10 million, and circulation falling by 10 per cent a year. Above all, it produced a paper where, whatever excuses were dreamed up at the bar of the Garrick Club, most senior journalists went along with the Faustian deal of following Tiny Row-land's agenda, when he so wished, in return for Lonrho stamping their pay and expenses cheques. The muddle, mess, self-deception and self-indulgence which met us when the Guardian group took over The Observer in 1993 was extraordinary.

Whatever one's personal feelings about the behaviour of the Scott Trust and the rewriting of recent history at the Guardian group, it was the Trust - described by Mr Howard as wellmeaning but crass amateurs - that gave The Observer back the self-respect which those who accepted Lonrho's passport to a cushy life had for-

Yours faithfully JONATHAN FENBY

From Mr Andrew Jaspan

Sir. Leaving to one side his rather gra-

It is hard to know which of his credentials to respect more: the high principle he showed when he worked for Tiny Rowland, or the detachment he now lofuly brings, as a member of the Times payroll, to discussion of one

Mr Howard says the Trust are experience, mostly in senior positions, manifest professionalism, and is

Yours sincerely, HUGO YOUNG, Chairman, The Scott Trust,

it lay wanly by the side of its fatter and

importance.

British history

From Mr Simon Ellis

Sir, I would suggest to Nick Tate, the or Robin Hood.

SIMON ELLIS. 38 Forest View, E4.

Compromise and concession as way forward for Ulster

From Sir David Goodall

Sir, It is difficult to understand the Government's determination to treat the routeing of the Orange march at Drumeree as a matter to be decided by the Chief Constable alone, on purely operational grounds, without regard to its political consequences.

The resulting spectacle of the RUC. backed up by British troops, penning nationalists into their homes and bludgeoning them off the streets to make way for a provocative Orange march, has not just played into the hands of the IRA. It has alienated even the most moderate elements within the minority community and revived all their doubts about ever being allowed to achieve "equal legitimacy" with Unionism as long as Northern Ireland remains part of the United Kingdom. It is a speciacle of which we in Britain, as well as Unionist leaders, should be ashamed.

What may be less evident, at least in Dublin, is the extent to which the creation of the "pan-nationalist consensus", and what has looked to Unionists like unremitting pressure from the Irish Government and the SDLP for concessions to Sinn Fein, have sharpened the sense of insecurity and resentment within the Unionist community and thus helped to generate the aggressive intransigence of Drumcree. There are lessons here for Dublin and the SDLP as well as for London and the Unionists.

It is illusory to think (as your leader of July 15 seemed to imply) that the search for a political settlement could take the form of a return to constitu-tional immobility with a few humanrights trimmings as a sop to national-

The demographic balance alone makes it clear that no system of government for Northern Ireland will command the necessary level of acceptance from both communities unless it includes a significant Irish dimension as well as accommodating the Unionist determination that the Province should remain within the United Kingdom.

It will also have to offer the nationalist minority the prospect of attaining some share of political power other than by outright victory at the polls. When the shockwaves from the latest setback have subsided, the approach enshrined in the Downing Street declaration and the framework document will still represent the most hopeful way forward.

When the dust has settled after last week's events London and Dublin must set about reducing the resentments and insecurities which make compromise so difficult for either community in Northern Ireland. For the British Government, this should mean tackling the difficult issues of police reform and the release of prisoners which are so important to the nationalist community.

But for this to be feasible, the Irish Government and the SDLP must find ways of demonstrating that they do not identify with Sinn Fein's longterm objectives, and of convincing moderate Unionism that they will accept a compromise settlement as legitimate and durable rather than as an interim step down the road to a united Ireland. A clear reassertion of readiness to repeal Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution would be a good

Yours etc DAVID GOODALL Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2.

From Mr Michael Collie

Sir. However repugnant we may find Gerry Adams's refusal to condemn the IRA's most recent atrocities, it's difficult not to agree with his general analysis (report and leading article, July (5).
By playing politics and refusing to

get on with substantive talks without preconditions, the British Government squandered the opportunity created by the IRA's ceasefire. While not condoning their actions in any way, I certainly don't find it too hard to understand their frustration. The decommissioning of arms was a right and fitting agenda item for all-party talks, not a necessary pre-condition to them.

Now we have seen the British State supinely cave in to the bigots in orange. John Bruton was spot on with

his comments (reports, July 13). Why shouldn't the nationalist population put their trust in the IRA when the State has so clearly failed them?

MICHAEL COLLIE. 2F2 22 William Street, Edinburgh 3. July 16.

From Dr Graeme K. Matthew

Sir. Whatever the constitutional arrangements for Ulster, there is a pressing need for conciliation between the communities. How does the tradition

of the marches square with that? Eilis O'Hanlon (article, July 11) tells us that the Orange marches used to be seen as a harmlessly eccentric diversion. It may well be that Sinn Fein has engineered a change in that perception, but it has had powerful material to work on.

You suggest (leading article, July 15) that "the real bigotry is the refusal to understand and empathise with a community which wishes only to remain in the country and is fearful that that right will be overridden". It is not bigotry to acknowledge grounds for offence amongst Catholics in such large scale celebrations of an ancient Protestant victory or in the military and social symbols on display. Ulster Unionists need to know that these things harm their case in Britain and abroad. Moreover it is difficult to see that they have any real practical or political benefit.

Seen from outside, Protestant Ulster has greater strengths, a finer cultural tradition and a better case for insisting on its Britishness than appear in the marches,

Yours sincerely, 'G. K. MATTHEW, Amnis House, Coln St Dennis. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Power of PR

From Mr Michael Rowe

Sir. Like every profession, including journalism, public relations has its underperformers, but to describe it as iniquitous, as Giles Coren does ("A matter of trust or tricks", Media, July 17), is unduly harsh.

Journalists and PR professionals have more in common than Mr Coren might wish to admit. No PR professional expects that a press release sent to 100 publications will be published by them all, any more than a journalist can expect his article to be read by every reader of the newspaper. A recent press release we sent on be-

half of a client to all the national newspapers was used by about half of them, and equally spread between tabloids and qualities; if journalists do not agree what a good news story is. then how can the humble PR professional predict with 100 per cent ac-

PRs need journalists but journalists need us too; although of course they would never admit it.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ROWE (Managing Director). Charlton Communications, 70 Chalk Farm Road, NWI.

From Professor Sam Black Sir, Media relations is an important part of public relations, but it is only one aspect, and sending press releases to newspapers is only one small part of our professional work. In Britain, as in most other parts of

the world, there is a growing understanding of the valuable part good, ethical public relations can play in promoting the success and efficiency of organisations of all kinds. A student studying for a BA Hon-

ours degree in public relations spends three years on the theory and practice of a management discipline which is quite unrecognisable in your article.

Yours sincerely, Sam Black (Honorary Professor of Public Relations, University of Stirling). Keswick House, 3 Greenway, N20.

From Mr Matthew Freud Sir, Your picture caption accompanying Giles Coren's article states that I

often command as many column inches as [my] clients". On average Freud Communica-tions' clients attract over 1,000 column inches per day, whereas my personal total in the last ten years do not add up

This is perhaps further evidenced by the fact that you were unable to find a photograph of me from the current decade. If anyone is interested, I have put on some weight, but my hair-line remains mercifully intact.

Yours faithfully MATTHEW FREUD (Chairman). Freud Communications. 93 Newman Street, WI.

Losses at Goose Green

From Mr Philip Neame

Sir, As the commander of D Company, 2 Para, the company that took the heaviest losses at Goose Green [letters, July 12, 15], I particularly wish to rebut the suggestion in the Channel 4 television programme of July 11 that these lives and that of "H" were a needless sacrifice.

The film is beset with fundamental confusion between tactics and strategy. As the senior land force commander, Julian Thompson's view that the battle was not operationally necessary must be given due weight - though the incalculable psychological impact on the Argentinians' subsequent will to fight, and the fact it was an operational air base for Pucara ground attack aircraft, should not be underesti-

mated.

However, as Lord Lewin made clear in the programme, there was also a political imperative. As "war is politics by other means", the battle then became strategically essential. This, I believe is the crux of H's contribution. By comparison with those who ordered merely a raid with no specific objectives, and others who vere prepared to risk the outcome by foregoing artillery support. H saw clearly that anything short of a definitive and successful outcome could in fact be counter-productive.

Yours sincerely. PHILIP NEAME, Blake Cottage, North Waltham. Basingstoke, Hampshire. July 12

Broadcasting opera

From Mr Michael D. Varcoe-Cocks

Sir. I was astounded that Sir Jeremy Isaacs, General Director of the subsidised Royal Opera House (letter, July 13) thinks the initiative for televising operas needs to come from the broadcasters. It should come from him.

There is not the remotest justification for anyone who works at a publicly-funded theatre - unionised or not to require more money for a broadcast of a performance for which they are already paid, except to the extent that extra work, eg, overtime, is required for the transmission. It would be different if resulting videos and CDs were marketed.

It is outrageous that anyone from superstar to stage hand can effectively prevent broadcasts by holding out for a ransom. I would like it to be a condition of the Arts Council grant that a

minimum of 12 operas (and 12 ballets) be broadcast each season and the contracts for everyone working at Covent Garden include a clause enabling this for no additional fee. If they had to be concerned with only their own costs, surely the television companies would be interested.

There is no reason why this could not be in place when the redeveloped house is opened, but Sir Jeremy needs to act now.

Yours faithfully, M. D. VARCOE-COCKS. 5 Brackenbury Road, W6.

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Howard's 'greasy pole'

From Mr Peter Cadbury

Sir, Bernard Levin would appear to be

out of step with public opinion ("Howard's greasy pole", July 12).

Two years ago I resigned from the Conservative Party because I thought the Government was doing too little to combat crime and protect the average householder (report, August 30, 19 At that time almost anyone who tried to apprehend a burglar or a mugger, or even in some cases where they made a "citizen's arrest" for kidnap-

ping, was prosecuted for assault.

Over the last two years, thanks to Michael Howard, more criminals are kept off the streets, fewer are allowed on bail or parole to repeat their offences, and guidelines have been published advising the police not to prosecute innocent citizens for taking the law into their own hands. This must be applauded as a benefit to the law-abid-

ng member of the public. Prevention is better than conviction. and here again Michael Howard is leading the way in advocating closedcircuit television for areas where crime is prevalent. After the recent atrocities at schools it must make sense to provide CCTV for all schools where there is a risk of an intruder: I personally am presenting CCTV to a few local schools and I only wish I could afford to supply them all.

I know nothing about Michael Howard's ambition to be Prime Minister, but on his recent record I would encourage him to apply.

Yours sincerely, PETER CADBURY, Upton Grey Lodge, Upton Grey, Nr Basingstoke, Hampshire. July 12.

Cuban liberty

From Mr C. J. Jacob

Sir. In your leading article, "Pigs again" (July 16), you rightly castigate the Helms-Burton Act, that misguided attempt to coerce the international community into supporting United

States policy against Cuba.
You are not alone in your censure. Even the Congressional draftsman seems to have expressed contempt for the duty imposed on him, and rather wittily so. Why else give the legislation its mock-Marxist title "Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act", if not for the sake of the deterrent acronym CuL De SAc?

Yours faithfully, C. J. JACOB, 5 Sycamore Avenue. Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Who art in Heaven?

From Mr Roger Sydenham

Sir. Your report (July 17) that the Church of England is to remove references to God as male from its prayer book reminds me of an American friend, a Unitarian, who told me that he always prefaced his prayers with "To whom it may concern".

Yours faithfully, ROGER SYDENHAM, Ramillies, Friston, Saxmundham, Suffolk, July 18.

Empire rise?

way he kept his capital city clear of all the corruption and danger that the sea stands for. Roman poets were plangent about the dangers of sea travel. When they had to fight at sea, Romans endeavoured to make it as like the land as possible with grapplingirons and drawbridges. Lucretius defined Epicurean happiness (and perhaps Ladenfreude) as standing on a cliff in a storm watching others in peril on the sea, and thinking. There but for the grace of terra firma go 1." Of course, for some tasks, like invading

Britain, ships were unavoidable. In such cases Roman leaders believed. like Colin Powell centuries later, in the military doctrine of massive deployment of force.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 18: His Excellency Shaikh Abdul Aziz Mubarak Ai Khalifa was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambasador from the State of Bahrain to

the Court of St James's. Shaikha Lamees Al Khalifa was also received by Her Majesty. Mr Philip Astley (Director, Protocol, Foreign and Common-wealth Office) was present.

Mr Justice Toulson was received by The Oueen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a

Knight Bachelor. The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr Ian Gerken (the Republic of El Salvador), Mr Robert Hendrie (the Oriental Republic of Uruguay), Sir Michael Llewellyn-Smith (the Hel-

lenic Republic and Mr Ivor Rob-erts (Yugoslavia). Mr lan Mackley was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of

Mrs Gerken, Mrs Hendrie, Lady Llewellyn-Smith, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Mackley were also

received by Her Majesty.

Mr Richard Arbiter was received by The Queen when Her
Majesty invested him with the ia of a Lieutenant of the

Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Andrew Mackay MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously

pleased to make reply. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Bucking-

ham Palace. The Duke of Kent was present. Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Gurad of the Yeomen of the

Guard were on duty.

The Bands of the Blues and Royals and the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers played selections of music

during the afternoon. The Duke of Edinburgh, Permanent Master, the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, this morning presented a Shipwright's certifi-Museum, Greenwich, Landon

His Royal Highness, Trustee, afterwards attended a Meeting of the Trustees of the National Mari-

time Museum and Luncheon at The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron,

Outward Bound Trust, this evening attended a Dinner at St James's Palace. (Baroness in Waiting) represe

The Baroness Trumpington The Queen at the Memorial Service for the Baroness Stedman (formerly a Baroness in Waiting) which was held in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of

ster, today. CLARENCE HOUSE

July 18: Queen Elizabeth The Oueen Mother was present this evening at a Festival Service for the Friends of St Paul's which was held in St Paul's Cathedral. The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 17: The Prince of Wales today visited Students attending his In-stitute of Architecture's first American Summer School of North Carolina. His Royal Highness later hosted a Dinner for International Patrons

of his Institute of Architecture. July 18: The Prince of Wales this

morning received Mr James Wolfensohn, Precident of the ohn. President of the

World Bank His Royal Highness, Chairman of the Mary Rose Trust, later at-tended a Dinner in Newport, Rhode Island, for supporters of the

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 18: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon today visited
British Petroleum's Wytch Farm
Oilfield, near Corfe Castle, Dorset.
Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of Dorset (The Lord

KENSINGTON PALACE July 18: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this afternoon received Colonel Robin Merton on relinquishing the appointment of Regimental Sec-retary and Major Patrick Beresford on assuming the

appointment.
The Duchess of Gloucester to day visited the East of England Show, Peterborough, and was received on arrival by Her Maj-esty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden)

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 18: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George this morning attended a service of commemoration and dedication at

Paul's Carhedral, London EC4.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE July 18: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel in-Chief, this afternoon visited the Headquarters of the Light Infantry in Cornwall, at the Keep, Bodmin, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall (the Lady Mary Holborow).

Her Royal Highness sub-sequently visited the Cornwall Centre for Volunteers at Cathedral House, Wilkes Walk, Truro.

Finally Princess Alexandra, Vice-Patron of the Young Women's Christian Association, opened the Young Women's Centre at 20 Francis Street, Truro.

Her Royal Highness, accompa-nied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, in honour of the King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan at Lancaster

House, St James's, London SWI.

Royal engagements The Queen will visit Aardman 10.05: and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive building, Abbey

Wood, at 11.15. The Duke of Edinburgh will open the new engineering faculty build-

ing at Bristol University at 10.10. The Duke of Gloucester, accompa nied by the Duchess of Gloucester will take the salute at a perfor mance of the Royal Tours

Earls Court at 1.45. Luncheon

Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Mr Clifford H. Grinsted, Master of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. assisted by the Wardens, Mr Geoffrey S. Finn and Rear-Admiral James Carine, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. The Master, Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten. Commander Allied Air Forces, Western Europe, were the speakers. Sir Robert Fellowes and

Air Vice-Marshal Terence Sher-

rington were among the guests.



Philip Jenkinson donning his French court robes, which he is entitled to wear in an English court of law

English-born lawyer courts French fashion

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

AS A FRENCH avocat entitled to appear in the English courts, Philip Jenkinson has a secret weapon. His French court robes, complete with ermine trim, put English barristers' plain

black robes in the shade. Mr Jenkinson, who was born in England, has lived in France for 10 years and is a partner with the law firm Triplet & Associates, in Lille. His firm has taken advantage of the arrival of the

Channel Tunnel to become what is believed to be the first French regional

law concern to open an office in London. As a French-qualified avocat, he is entitled to appear in the English courts wearing his robes, although he has not yet plucked up the courage. "I took them to a hearing at Staines Magistrates' Court, but did not wear them," he said. "They did not seem to add much to my

client's chances of a fair trial." The avocat has worn the robes since the Middle Ages except for a brief period

when they were banned after the French Revolution. Nanoleon reintroduced them in 1812. It is a criminal offence for anyone other than a qualified avocat to

The robes must be worn for ceremonial occasions including the opening of the judicial year in each French region. They must also be worn by the avocat at all court hearings, but their design in buttoning up completely gives the lawyers substantial leeway as regards what they choose to wear underneath.

Memorial service Baroness Stedman

The Queen was represented by Baroness Trumpington at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Stedman held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of West-

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated and the Rev John Stockwell, of St Philip's Burwash Weald, East Sussex, led the prayers. Mr Thomas Ferrers-Walker and Lord Bancroft read the lessons. Lady Kinloss read a poem by a nun of West Malling Abbey and Sir Peter Baldwin gave an address. Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth, Clerk of the Parliaments. attended. Among others present

Miss Edith Stedman (sister-in-law). Mr Len Adams. Mrs Margaret Adams, Miss Susan Adams.

Susan Adams.

The Earl of Strafford, Viscount Allenby, Viscount Craigavon, Viscount Tenby, Viscount Waverley, Lady Bancroft, Baroness Birk, Lord Bease, Lord Boston of Paversham, QC, Lord Brightman, Baroness Camegy of Lour, Lord Congleton, Baroness David, Baroness Denton of Wakeled, Lord Diamond, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord Howell, Baroness Hytton-Poster, Lord Kewell, Baroness Hytton-Poster, Lord Kewell, Baroness Hytton-Poster, Lord Kewell, Baroness Hytton-Poster, Lord Kilmannock, Lord Rowell, Baroness Hyton-Poster, Lord Kilmannock, Lord Rowell, Baroness Hyton-Poster, Lord Kilmannock, Lord Rowell, Baroness Hyton-Poster, Lord Rowell, urvis of Newnham, FRS, Lord Mowbray and Stourion. Lord Owen, CH, Lord Paimer, Lord Ragian, Lord Richard, QC, Lord Richardson, Lord Rochester, Lady Saltoun, Lord Sanley of Alderley, Lord Walton of Deichant, Lord Weather III. Watton of Detenant, Lord Weatherful.
Lady Bajdwin, Sir Paritick Brown, Sir Ian
and Lady Gainsford, Mr Andrew Faulds.
MP, Mry Lean Osel, Mr ionn Smoker, Mr
M S Thomas, Mr and Mrs Wyndham
Thomas, Mr Roy Thompson, Mr and
Mrs J Ward, Mr Bert Massie (director,
RADAR), Mr Robin Wendt (Secretary,
Association of County Councils) and Ms
Ann Frye and Mrs Sae Sharp (Mobility
Unit, Department of Transport,

University news

Edinburgh

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity has been awarded to: His All-Holmess the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholemew I. Arch-bishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch; Professor Ur-sula King, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol: Professor Choan-Seng Song-Professor of Theology and Asian Cultures at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, and Regional Professor of Theology at the South East Asia School of Theology in Singapure and Hung Kong and outh East Asta School of Theology in Singapore and Hong Kong: and the Very Rev Professor Emeritus T.F. Torrance, Professor of Christian Dogmatics, the University of Edin-burgh, 1952-79, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1976-77.

Church news Assistant Curate, and known a

Associate (Rochester).

Rector, Farnborough

The Rev Nicholas Parish, Vicar, St. Paul, Furzedown (Southwark): to be Industrial Chaplain for the Bracknell deanery (Oxford).

The Rev Nick Pedley, Curate, Kingswinford, Church of the Ascen-sion. Wall Heath: to be Team Vicar, Kingswinford Team Ministry at the Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath

The Rev Rosemary Shaw. Honorary Curate, St. John, East Dulwich: to be Chaplain. King's Healthcare NHS Trust (Southwark).

The Rev David Stevens, Rector, Illogan; to be also Rural Dean of

North Caramarth (Truro).

The Rev John Tomlinson, Curate, Blewbury, Hagbourne and Upton: to be Curate (Team Vicar-designate), Cowley Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Alsan Wadge, Rector, the Ridgeway parishes, and Rural Deam of Wantage (Oxford): to continue as Parent Deam of Mantage (Oxford): to continue as

Rural Dean of Wantage for a further

The Rev Christine Warrilow, Vicar, St. Jude, Stockbridge Village: to be Vicar, St. John, Hindley Green

The Rev Jeremy Whales, permission to officiate, diocese Gloucester, to be

Clergy Widows' Officer for the

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Susan Rose, Assistant Curate, St. Mary's, Wombwell, and St. George's, Jump (Sheffield): to retire

on August 31 on grounds of ill health.

The Rev Conrad Sargisson, Honor-

The Rev Colin Shaw, Rector, Bledlow w Saunderton and Horsenden (Oxford): retired July 1.

By permission of the Directors of Coutts & Co. the Durbar Club held

a Reception yesterday evening at 440, Strand, WC2, in honour of the

Indian High Commissioner and Mrs L.M. Singhvi. The Right Hon Michael Howard, MP. the Right

Hon Jeremy Hanley, MP, the Right Hon Alastair Goodlad, MP,

and Lord and Lady Weatherill

were present. Mr Narindar

Saroop read a message from the

ary Priest-in-charge, St (Truro): to retire August 31.

Reception

Durbar Club

North Cammarth (Truro).

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(Liverpool).

diocese.

Archdeacon of Lewisham

The Rev. Canon Dr David Atkinson, Residentiary Canon, Chancellor and Missioner of Southwark Cathedral, is to be Archdeacon of Lewisham, in the diocese of Southwark, in succession to the Ven Gordon Kuhrt, who is now Chief Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster.

The Rev Jack Harris, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Doncaster (Sheffield): to be Vicar, St. Peter, Belsize Park

(London).
The Rev Bill Hetling, Vicar, Lower Parkstone Team Ministry (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-charge, St. Barnabas, Reading (Oxford).
The Rev Steven Hughes, formerly Team Vicar, King's Norton (Birmingham): to be Assistant Chaplain of Bucharest (Europe).
The Rev Paul Hunter, Team Vicar, Hucknall Torkard (Southwell): to be Vicar Thurron't St. Simon and St.

Vicar, Thurcroft, St. Simon and St. Jude (Sheffield). The Rev Tony Ingleby, Rector, Lanreath and Pelynt to be also Rural Dean of West (Trun

The Rev Robert Ivell, Vicar, Laughton-en-le-Morthen: to be Vicar. Wadworth (Sheffield). The Rev Michael Kippax, Curate, Woughton Team Ministry local ecumenical project: to be Team Vicar, Woughton Team Ministry (Oxford).

Woughton Team Ministry (Oxford). The Rev Canon John Limgley, Vicar, Kingswinford, St. Mary; to be Team Rector at St. Mary's, Kingswinford Team Ministry (Worcester). The Rev Colin Matlock, Vicar, St. Mary's, Henlow (St Albans): to be Vicar, Linslade (Oxford).

The Rev Graham Mayer, formerly Curate, Paignton: to be Priest-in-charge, Christow, Trusham, Bridford and Ashton (Exeter). The Rev Richard Miller, Vicar,

the Rev Rectard Wasing and Brimpton: to be Associate Priest, St. Nicolas, Newbury (Oxford). The Rev Geoffrey Mills, Rector, Whiston, Rotherham (Sheffield): to be also an Honorary Canon of Sheffield

The Rev Paul Nash, Priest-in-charge St. Jude, East Brixton: to be Vicar, Jude, East Brixton (Southwark). The Rev Brian Nicholls, Curate (NSM), Oakham w Hambleton and Egleton and Braunston w Brooke, to be Rector. Edith Weston w North Luffenham and Lyndon w Manton

(Peterborough). The Rev Marion Palmer, Curate, St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham: to be

PERSONAL

Dinners

HM Government King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan were the guests of honour at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lan-caster House. Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy attended. The Hon Nicholas Soames. Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was the host,

Among the guests were:

The Hon Mrs Soames, Brigadler General Prince Abdulbah Al Husseln, Prince Patsal Al Husseln, Prince Patsal Al Husseln, Prince Patsal Al Husseln, Prince Hashim Al Husseln, Prince Hashim Al Husseln, Prince Talsal Bin Mohammad, Mr Aywan Majali, Mr Awn Khasswrieh, the Ambassador of Jordan and Mrs Ayoub, Lord Patrick Bersford, Sir Robert Rellowes, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, MP, and Lady Inge. Admiral Sir Jock and Lady States Centeral Sir Charles and Lady Curthre, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Curthre, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Davies. Sir Robert and Lady British Leutenan-General Sir Alex and Lady Davies. Bir Robert and Lady Walmsley, Sir Moray and Lady Sewart, Sir Thomas and Lady Davies. Sir John and Lady Chief Hashall Sir John Ambassador at Amman and Mrs Kinchelliffe. Lieutenani-General and Mrs Lieutenani-General and Mrs I R W Pike, Mr and Mrs C B G Massefield, Major-General and Mrs D J M Fentons, Major-General and Mrs D J M Fentons, Major-General and Mrs D J M Fentons, Major-General and Mrs D R Horsfield, Mr and Mrs P G Stewart, Mr James Arbuthnot, MP, and Mrs Arbuthnot, and Mr and Mrs Richard Montram. Among the guests were:

HM Government Mr Anthony Nelson, Minister for Trade, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of ECGD's Export

Guarantees Advisory Council European-Atlantic Group Lord Dahrendorf, Chairman of the European-Atlantic Group, presided at a dinner discussion given last night at the St Ermin's Hotel for Judge David Edward, QC, Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, who was a speaker. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, president, the Hon Bernard Jenkin, MP, and Dr John Reid, MP, also spoke. Earlier, a meeting was held at the House of

Commons by courtesy of Mr Genffrey Clifton-Brown, MP. Legal appointment

The Queen has appointed John Alexander Swanson to be a Circuit Judge. The Lord Chancellor will assign Mr Swanson to the North Eastern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Professor Elihu Lauterpacht and

the late Mrs Judith Lauterpacht, of Cambridge, and Joanna, daughter of the late Dr John Tasker and of Mechan

Mrs Grizell Tasker, of Heacham.

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs

Geoffrey Leaver, of Aspley Guise. Bedfordshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs Patricia Gillin and the late Robert Gillin, of

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the Hon Gerard and Mrs Noel, and

Rowena, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Hale.

The engagement is announced between Milo, son of Mrs F. Shaw,

of London, and the late Mr W.
Twomey, and Rebecca, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Craig. of Windsor, Berkshire.

and Miss E.L. Walsh
The engagement is announced
between James, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs Phillip Wright, of
Burton, Cheshire, and Elizabeth

Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Paul Walsh, of Appleton, Cheshire.

and Mrs J.E. Pardhy
The marriage took place on July 13,

at St Swithin's, Quenington, between Michael Casey and

Joanna Pardhy, elder daughter of

The marriage took place on July 11,

1996, in Paris, of Franck, son of

Colonel and Mime Roger Robert, of

Lille, France, to Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Medd, of

810 Naval Air Squadron

Lady (John) Fieldhouse presented

awards to student helicopter crews

yesterday at 810 Naval Air Squadron, RNAS Culdrose. The course of stu-

dent pilots, observers and aircrew-men were presented with their

certificates for successfully complet-ing flying training and will now be appointed to front line squadrons.

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Mr M.H.O. Leaver

Anchorage, Alaska.

and Miss R.D. Hale

Mr R.J.B. Nocl

Mr M. Twomey

Mr.J. Wright

Marriages

Mr M.A.E. Casey

Mrs Caroline Bryant.

and Miss V. Medd

M F. Robert

London SW6.

and Miss E.A. Gillin

Mr M.H. Lauterpacht and Miss J.M. Tasker The engagement is announced between Michael Hersch, son of

Mr P.H. Arkell and Miss V. Chesler-Leiman The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Arkell, of Gresham's School, Norfolk, and Vanessa. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Leiman, of London and Hong Kong.

Mr A.E. Bailey

nd Miss E.S. Slocock The engagement is announced from France, between Angus, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Bailey, of Peaslake, Surrey, and Eleanor, daughter of Mr Martin Slocock, of Chobham, Surrey, and Mrs Gilia Slocock, of Oxford.

Mr G.M.Q. Blackden and Miss S.A. Blofield

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Blackden, of Mayfield, East Sussex, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Biofield, of

Hinton St George, Somerset. Mr L Brenchley

and Miss S.F. Doughty The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr W. Brenchley, of Beckerings Park. Lidlington, Bedfordshire, and Mrs P. Brenchley, of Fenny Stratford, Buckinghamshire, and Sarsh Frances, only daughter of Ms D. Doughty and Mr R. Grimble, of

Overshore Farm, Upchurch, Kent.

Mr J.C.H. Eugster and Miss A.K. Sherwin The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Eugster, of Little Bromley, Essex, and Amanda, daughter of Mr Malcolm Sherwin, of Thornton-le-Street, Yorkshire, and Mrs Sarah Sherwin, of

Helmsley, Yorkshire. Mr D. Graham-Woolland

and Miss L. Jeakins The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Graham-Woollard. of Bridgend, South Wales, and Louisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jenkins, of Oxshott, Surrey.

Mr A.R. Gunning and Schorita J. Vital

The engagement is announced between Alexander Rupert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Gunning, of Bath, Somerset, and Jerusalen, daughter of Señor and Señora Vital-Mendioroz, of Artajona, Navarra, Spain.

Mr N.M.F. Jopling

and Serena Lady Gillford The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of the Hon Mrs BJ. Lockhart.

Right Hon Michael and Mrs Jopling, and Serena, daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel and the Birthdays today Lord Justice Auld, 59: Lord Bethell, St. Mr David Bowe, MEP. 41; Sir Norman Brain, former diplomat, 89: Mr Cameron Cochrane, former

and Company, 65; Mr Dominic

Muldowney, director of music, National Theatre, 44: Mr Ilic Nastate,

tennis player, 50; Mr Adrian Noble,

artistic director. Royal Shakespeare

Company, 4tr. Dr Archie Norman. pacdiatrician. 84; Sir Frederick

O'Brien, QC, former Shcriff Principal

of Lothian and Borders, 79: Air Chief

Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans. 61:

Mr Dennis Stevenson, a trustee, Tate

Gallery, 51: Judge Sir Lawrence

Verney, Recorder of Lundon, 72;

Professor Adrian Webb, Vice-Chan-

cellor, Glamorgan University, 53:

Mr Henry Wendt, former chairman, Smithkline Beecham, 63; Professor Richard Whitfield, Warden, St

George's House, Windsor Castle, 58.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury 1663-77. Ellastone, Derbyshire, 1998: Alexis Piron, dramatist. Dijon, 1689; John Martin, painter, Haydon bridge, Northumberland, 1789; Gottfried Headmaster, Fettes College, 63; Judge Viscount Colville of Culross. dgar Degas, painter. Paris, 1834; ganist, 61; Professor R. Duckworth. Emeritus Professor of Oral Medicine, Edward Pickering, astronomer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1846; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Rochester, Minnesota, 1865; Vladimir Mayakovsky, poet, Bagdadi, Russia, 1893; AJ. Cronin, novelist, Cardross, Strath-London University, 67: Baroness Elles, 75; Miss Evelyn Glennic, percussionist, 31; Sir Anthony Grabham, former chairman, Join clyde, 1896; Herbert Marcuse, philosopher, Berlin, 1900. Consultants Committee, 66: Major-General D.E. Isles, 72; Dr Carole Jordan astronomer, 55: Mr Richard DEATHS: Petrarch, poet, Padua, Knight, former Headmaster, Ound and Monkton Combe schools, 81: Sit William Laming, civil servant, 60; Professor Mary McGeown, nephrologist, 73; Mr Brian May, rock guitarist, 49; Sir David Money-Coutts, former chairman. Courts

1374; Matthew Flinders, navigator, London, 1814; John Playfair, math-ematician, Edinburgh, 1819; Samuel Wilherforce, Bishop of Winchester 1869-73. Abinger. Surrey. 1873: Syngman Rhee, 1st President of the Republic of Korea 1948-60, Honolulu,

The Mary Rose, the pride of King Henry VIII's battle fleet, sank in the Solent, 1545.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel's steamship Great Western was launched at Bristol. 1837. The first all-metal liner Brunel's Great Britain, was launched from Bristol, 1843; and brought back to Britain from the Falklands on this

Middle Temple

of the Bench.

Justice Aharon Barak, President of the Supreme Court of Israel, has been elected an Honorary Master

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BIRTHS

can. Jonathan.

CAPPELL - On July 15th
1996. to Carolyn (tele Hall)
and Mark. A son, Matthew
Joseph. a brother to
Catherine. CARR - On 13th July in Paris, to Krysis (née Reit) and Edward. a son. Richard Wiedzimierz Frédéric, a brother for Zosia. CAZALET - On July 8th, to Mandy (née Saylija) and

Mandy (née Saville) and Andrew, a son. Harry Jame SAYNOR - On July 11th, to Annabel (see Hickman) and Annabel (née Hickman) ama Annabel (née Hickman) ama Patrick, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for long and Louise. GOOCH - On 18th July 1996, to Claire (née Suler) and Charles, 2 500, Charles David Guy.

MLEY - On July 15th, to storia (née Pridenso) and HERLEY - On 16th July, to Caroline and Oliver, a son. Edward Andrew, a brother for John. Elizabeth and

Panick.
IUGHES - On July 15th
1996, to Sarah (ner Cower
Williams) and Robin, a
daughter, Jessica Flora, a
sister for Louella. Sour for Liberia. OHN – On 7th July 1996, to Amanda (nie Procior) and William. a daughter. Rebekah Angkarad Cairin. LEWIS - To John and Jo (nie Smith). Rachel Louise, on 9th July at City Malernity

Hospital, Cartiste.
PARDOE - On June 28th, to
Flora (née Barrelt) and RITCHIE - On July 12th at Hammersmith Hospital. to Caroline Wright and Michael Ritchie. a daughter. Rosemery Elizabeth. BIRTHS OSSITER - On 16th July. M Sheriff, born on 2nd July to Syma and Eduardo Sanios. Thunks to all staff at UCH

inmest to an stati at OCA who assisted with the birth, SHEPHERD - On July 16th, in New York, to Katherthe (née Shreve Hooker) and James, a son, James McDrussell DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Peacehally on July 13th Margaret aged 83, widow of Norman Alexander, mother of Caroline and Stephen, Engalyses to F.W. Paine, bet (0181) 892-1784, (MISI) 892-1784, BARTON - Pauline Bellamy (née Stransom) died pencerully on Monday July 150h. Beloved wife of kim, much loved mother of Kale and David and mother in-law of Hugo. Fineral Service at Suitsbury Crimnotorium on Friday July 26th at 2.20 pm.

iew of Hugo. Fineral Service at Suitsbury Ortomotorium on Friday. July 26th at 2.20 pm. BARTRAMI - On July 18th at her hotte in Wymondham, Noriolk. Gladys Edith, loving wife of Russell NAFD:BUE (Decembed). Funeral Service at Wymondham Methodist Church on Friday July 26th at 2.45 pm. Donaltons for Wymondham Methodist Church may be sent of a R.J. Bartram and Son Funeral Directors. Wymondham. Directors, wymondamin.
CHANDLER - Chas. Funeral
Service to be held at Si
George's Church.
Cullercoats, on Monday
22nd July at 2.30 pm.
Friends please ment at
church. Farmity flowers only
please. Donations in ites may

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Care Trust SP26".

COURTNEY - Adam Castletowngeoghegan, Co Westmeath, Ireland, July 18th 1996 (peacefully) at the General Hospital Mullingar. 18th 1996 (press) Muslingar, General Hospital Muslingar, Benedict loving husband of Elleen and dear tather of Anila. Dermot. Paul and Aidan. Sadiy missed by his sorrowing wife, family, grandchildren, relatives and

DEATHS

sorrowing and address the friends, Rest in peace. Removal from Gitsenan's Funeral Home, Mullingar this Friday at 6.20 o'c to St Michael's Church, Castetown, arriving 7 o'c. Mass longorow Saturday of Mass longorow Saturday at Muchael in Impediated afterwards to local cemetery. Enquiries to Gilsenan's Undertakers lel: 010 365 44

GARNEIAM - LUKE (Percy Luke Singus) died suddenly on 17th July 1996 aged 47 days. Most beastiful and adored von of Emma and Singus and brother of Matt. Gracie and Natusha is loved by all and will be missed for ever and ever. Funezal will be at St. Many's Hedgerley at 11 am. Saturday 20th July 1996 (flowers to church).

GOWAN - On 17th July.
Caristopher d'Ober, Beloved
Instead of the late Margaret,
dearly loved and admired
father of Elizabeth
Chiesman, Julief Ross and
Cecilia Bingham, and a
proud and loving
grandfather; formerly of
Eton College. Funeral
Service at St Mary's Church.
Staveley in Cartmet, Newby
Bridge. Combria, on
Wednesday 24th July at
12.30 pm. Family flowers
only, but donations welcome
in his memory to the RNIE

Talking Books (Mrs V Alkinson), Mount Pleasant,

Wembley, HAO 1RR. Memorial service in the

DEATHS GRAY - On Tuesday, 16th July 1996, peacefully in Burwash, Audrey Mary Cray M. B.E., elected daughter of the late Cecil and Hilda Gray. Her fortinate in recent months will be remainbered always by whose who knew and lowed her. She will be greatly missed by her devoted family and many triends. Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash on Thursday 25th July at 3 pm followed by private cremation. Family Rowers only please, donations if desired to Hospice in the Weald. c/o C watertoone & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. Tel: (01435) 882219.

GREEN - Margaret Blanche, always known as Peggy-peacefully on 18th July at home near bawich aged 94. Beloved mother of Peter and John and much loved grandmother and greet-grandmother. Funeral servate Londy (mosters only grandmother and great grandmother. Funera private: Laminy flowers only please but donations may be sent to Whippet Rencue. 9 Hatherley Road. Sidcup. DA14 48H. A Memorial Service will be held later.

HALLYBONE - On 17th July HALLYBONE - On 17th July, suddenly at home. George Edward. hisband of Dilys (née Purceil). father of Careth, David. Gwyneth. Haw and the late Ceri: Grandfather of Ruit, Paul. Louise, Ceri. Emily Rose. Claire and Jack. Greatgrandfather of Luke and Jathie. All enquirles for fineral arrangements to LC. funeral arrangements to L.C Weston Funeral Directors No 25, 17, Leylon Road. Harpenden, tel: (01582)

BVING-BELL - On July 13th in Sydney, Australia, Hamish, beloved son of the late Wing Commander

DEATHS JELICOE - On July 17th.
Peacefully and in the fullness
of his years Sir Geoffrey
Jesicoe CSE, RA. Funeral
Thursday July 25th
11.30am at Oolders Green
Crematorium. Family
flowers only please but if
desired donallons may be
made to the Landscape
Foundation, 14 Doughty
Street, London wCN1 29t.
A Memorial Meeting will be
held in due course.

JOHN - David Richard died peacefully on July 15th. Consultant Surgeon (rethred) at Hillingdon, Mount Vermon and Hareffeld Hospitals, beloved husband of Mary. (ather of Elizabeth, Nicholas and Kattryn and brother of Diana, Private cremation, and Kattryn and brother or biana. Private cremation. Service of Celebration of David's life at St. Amerin's Church. Westifeld Park. Hatch End. Middleser on Friday 2nd August at 12 noon. No flowers please.

LEITCH - A. Gordon. Tragically, while on holiday in Cyprus. on July 12th, 1996. Dr A. Gordon Leitch 185c. MB. ChB. PhD. FRCPE. FCCP. beloved hystend of Jean. dearly loved (ather of Andrew. Lizzle and Harry and brother of Alan and Craham. Service at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church. Mayfield Road. Edinburgh on Monday July 22nd at Spm lo which all friends are invited. Committal thereafter private.

LRWERS - Isobel Mariorie.
Widow of Paddy Lewers.
Gled at home on July 17th
Cremation at Penmount. Traro, on Tuesday July 23rd at 3.20 pm. Family Bowers only piesae. Donations appreciated to "Wynstones Bursary Fund". Enquiries (01.326) 573080/(01.326) 2801.32.

DEATHS MARSON - Richard Dougles Geraid, Solicitor of Robert Berber & Sons, Nottingham and Eastwood, nested away peacefully on 18th July 1996. Funeral Service: Wednesday 24th July at 2.30pm at the Church of the Holy Rood. Shillingstone. Dorsel, Flowers may be sent to Colin J. Close Funeral Director. 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset, Memorial Service to be arranged.

MARTIN - Yvonne Eizabeth on July 17th peacefully at home after a short libras borne with great courage and dignity. Dear mother of Suart and Albitats Church, Service at All Saknts Church, Swallowfield, on Wednesday Swallowfield on Wednesday July 24th at 2 pm, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Macmilian Cancer Trust.

Macmilian Cancer Trust.

McLEAN - Dr Robin Si
Vinceni. 44 years old at
Michael Sobell House, Mount
Vernon Hospital.
Northwood, died on
Wednesday 17th July. Much
towed husband of Valerie and
father of Georgina and
James. Funeral Service at
the Church of Our Lady Help
of Christians.
Rickmansworth, on Monday
22nd July at 12 moun.

MCML 18008 - Our 17th MOCLISON - On 17th July 1996, suddenly. Joan Palvicia (née Loring), darling wife of Pender for 52 years and adored by her daughlers Lavinia and Flona and her seven grandchildren. Funeral arrangements later.

O'DONARUE - James Low Wales has taken place. A Metporial Service will be held at 9.30 am at the Holy Name Church, Beresford Road Oxion, Birkenhead, on **DEATHS** PEARSON-GEE - Annu thee Stratford) and James in a car accident on 16th July 1996. Very beloved wife and son of Williams, and mother and brother to Eleanor, Fueral Jam on Tuesday. 23rd July at Heylesbury Parish Church, Children welcome. Date for the momortal service to be announced. Family flowers only. Donallans to The Wesser, Children's Hospice Aspeal c/o Mrs. H. Downes, The Long House, Chilterne, BA12 OLG.

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PROUDFOOT - Michael
Bryam (Hoof) trelicibly at
Dursford Alrileid on July
14th 1996 speci 84 years.
Funeral Service 1 pm
Tuesday July 23rd at St
Michael and All Angels
Parish Church, Hughenden,
Family Rowers only please,
but dountions. If desired, to
The Battle of Britain
Memorial Trust, C/o Surman
& Horwood Funeral Service,
25 High Street, Princes
Resorvaph, HP27 OAE.
ROOKE On Monday 15th
July, Kathisem Mary (Jane)
nie Norte, dearby leved wife
of the late Denis, passed
away psacefully at Commonl
Beeches, She will be sarely
missed by her devoted
children John and Shelia,
her six grandchildren and
three great-grandchildren
Grafelia thenks to Martis
and her staff for their tender
loving care, Puneral private,
Family flowers only please,
Danations if wished to
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choice.
WITHERIMGYON - Gites

WITHERINGTON - GILC WITHERINGTON - Glies peacefeaby at home on July 17th. Beloved husband of Ann. loving lather of John. Serah. Harriet and Louise, grandtather of Robert and Edward. Funteral Service at St. Marry the Virgin. Widdington on Wednesday 24th July 24 3 pm. Family. Howers only. Donations if desired to The Motor Neurone Disease.

FINDON - Charlotte H.L. 19.7.72 - 16.2.90. Happy Birthday 24 loday. Forever dearly belowed Daughter to Lynda sister to Benjamin. Kind. Clever and boautiful, a great and terrible loss. Let those far away and near have Gods justice for what they have done. Rest in peace my Charlotte Roo till we **GIFTS** SHITHDATE Newspaper, (Incl. Scherbly preper Freephone 0800 908609

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Paul Touvier. French war criminal, died in prison in Paris on July 17 aged 81. He was born on April 3, 1915.

A VICHY official with the sombre distinction of being the only Frenchman to have been convicted of crimes against humanity. Paul Touvier was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1994 for ordering the execution of seven Jews in Lyons in 1944. But the manner in which he was able to avoid being brought to justice for so long reopened old wounds in the French psyche as painful as the memory of the crimes he originally committed against his own

Although sentenced to death in absentia in 1946 and 1947, Touvier managed, thanks to the French Roman Catholic Church, to escape retribution - often hidden from the public eye in monasteries and other religious houses - for more than forty years. In 1971, under pressure from leading Church officials, President Pompidou even granted him a pardon. But this outraged Jewish and Resistance

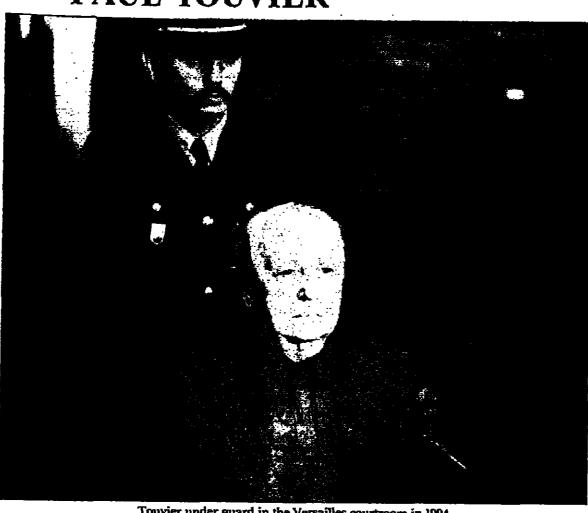
When he was finally arrested in 1989 while secreted in a Benedictine priory in Nice, it was adjudged that under the French 20-year limitation law he could no longer be re-tried for his war crimes. But like his Gestapo boss Klaus Barbie, who had been jailed in 1987 (and who died in 1991), he was not to find in this limitation an escape from justice. A new charge of "crimes against humanity" was prepared and it was under this that he was finally brought to book in a Versailles courtroom in April 1994.

Like Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyons", Touvier, known as the "Hangman of Lyons", was a relatively petty official. But this was little consolation for the city's inhabitants who suffered such misery under the ministrations of the two men during the war years. While Barbie ran the city's Gestapo, Touvier was head of its Milice, the police force created by the French wartime authorities to help its German counterpart in the work of suppressing resistance and persecuting Jews.

Paul Touvier's father had fought in the First World War and was a passionate admirer of Pétain, desender of Verdun (and later head of the collaborationist Vichy regime). Conservative Catholics, the family were ardent supporters of Action Française. which had been founded in 1899 by the rabidly anti-Semitic writer Charles Maurras in the wake of the Drevfus case. Brought up in this fanatical atmosphere, Touvier was from an ally age imbued with the notion that the Jews were responsible for the death

of Christ, and an accursed race. He went to school at the Prado seminary in Lyons but left early having achieved little educationally. Thereafter he had a series of lowly jobs until was called up into the Army. His unit was virtually annihilated during the German Blitzkrieg of the following

PAUL TOUVIER



Touvier under guard in the Versailles courtroom in 1994

Touvier came under suspicion of having deserted but was cleared. In any event this blemish on his record was not held against him when he applied to join the Milice, set up by Petain to enforce the precepts of Travaille, famille, patrie" which had replaced the French Republic's "Liberté, egalité, fraternité" as the watchword of the puppet Vichy state.

How such an inadequate individual as Touvier came to be appointed head of the Milice for the Lyons and Rhone region is not clear. But he and his family had been enthusiastic recruits to the service from the very first, and doubtless anti-Semitic, anti-republican zeal counted for more in such a job than forensic, administrative and leadership qualities.

As head of the Milice, Touvier was very much the legman for Barbie. hunting down suspects and handing them over to the Gestapo chief's torturers. He was also able to use the Milice as his personal police force, running protection rackets and extorting money from Jewish businesses on pain of denunciation.

Among the crimes he committed at this period were the kidnapping and murder of an elderly Jewish couple, a a Lyons synagogue, the torture and deportation to Mauthausen concentration camp of a member of the year when it came under Stuka attack. Resistance, and the sending to Ausch-

witz of another Jewish family. But the crime of which he was eventually convicted was the murder in June 1944 of seven Jews on the orders of the Gestapo, in reprisal for the shooting of a the Vichy propaganda chief Philippe Henriot by a member of the Resistance. Touvier was always

afterwards to claim that he had negotiated hard with the Gestapo to have the figure of tit-for-tat victims brought down to seven from 30, and that without his strenuous intervention many more deaths might have been required. But this has never been substantiated by independent testimony and given Touvier's persistent anti-Semitism seems unlikely. With the Liberation many collabora-

tionists of Touvier's ilk were summarily dealt with by lynch mobs, but Touvier came under the protection of the mysterious order of the Chevaliers de Notre Dame, a Catholic body which hid him and protected him. Over the next forty years he surfaced occasionally. He was arrested in Paris in 1947 but escaped and fled into hiding again. He was thought to have been moved between monasteries in Savoy and Piedmont, After the lapse of the 20-year limitation which effectively invalidated the war, he emerged more frequently. When, in 1971, President Pompidou pardoned him and ordered his property to be restored to him, the reason

given was that "The time has come to throw a veil over the period when the French were engaged in hatred, civil strife and even murder."

But the President had widely miscalculated the public mood and Touvier was forced back into hiding when Resistance and Jewish survivors of Vichy persecution brought more evidence of his atrocities into the open. Even so, it was to be almost another twenty years before justice was eventually done. The arrest and conviction of the Nazi Klaus Barbie undoubtedly gave this process some impetus. Why, asked France on that occasion, should a German be the sole scapegoat for crimes in which Frenchmen had also

had complicity?
At his trial Touvier expressed no remorse for his crimes. As the repugnant entries in his fairly recent diaries made quite clear, he had remained anti-Semitic to the end. Sentenced to life imprisonment. Touvier had latterly suffered from prostate cancer and his family had twice requested a presidential pardon on the grounds of ill-health. Both requests were refused. Touvier

died in the hospital wing of Paris's Fresnes Prison, whose name is infamous for the Vichy and Gestapo within its walls during the war.

Touvier is survived by his wife

Monique, and by a son and daughter of a previous marriage.

SIR DOUGLAS MILLER

Sir Douglas Miller. KCVO, CBE, former on July 11 aged 89. He was born on July 30, 1906.

DOUGLAS MILLER'S finest hour came in Uganda where, as director of education between 1952 and 1958, he pushed through a rapid programme of expansion for its schools and colleges. Much of the credit must go to the farsighted governor Sir Andrew Cohen who perceived - ahead of everyone else - the need to prepare the country for independence a decade later. But in Milier he found the ideal

chief executive.
Miller had already made his mark in colonial education after coming to Africa in 1930 as superintendent of native eduation in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia). One of the schools he founded in the country's outlying districts was still known in recent years as "Miller's School". Over 6ft 2ins tall and well built, Douglas Miller cut an imposing figure as he strode through the African bush, his bearers strung out behind him carrying tents, fresh water, and piles of textbooks.

In Basutoland (now Lesotho) after the Second World War he became one of the youngest directors of education in the colonial service, before moving to Nyasaland (Malawi) and then to Uganda. Two successive education commissions had identified the country's most pressing needs, which were secondary schools and teacher training colleges. Not only the number of schools but the quality of their staff required urgent

Cohen fortunately had the resources to fund the programme. A reserve fund had been thoughtfully established some years previously to support Uganda's vital industries - mainly cotton and coffee in the event of a sudden world collapse in prices. As it happened, both industries had flourished, allowing the fund to accumulate untouched. With more than £40m in the kitty - a vast sum by African standards forty years ago — it was decided to invest some of

Miller's strengths lay not so much in his knowledge and understanding of education, as in his political skills and determination. These quali-Cohen's own energy and intel-ligence enabled six fruitful years of high achievment. But Miller had also won the

this in education.



dmiration and friendship of Sir Evelyn Baring whom he had worked under elsewhere. Baring, by now governor of Kenya, was facing similar problems in Nairobi, particularly over schools for Kenyan Asians. It was he who persuaded Miller to move there in 1958, at a time when independence was clearly on the East African horizon. Initially director of education in Kenya, Miller took over the job of permanent secretary in the following year, then became the colonial minister of education, before retiring and re-

turning to Britain in 1961. Douglas Sinclair Miller had been brought up against a strong background of educa-tion. Born to British parents in Ontario, he was himself the son of a schoolmaster who sent him to Westminster School followed by Merton College, Oxford, Miller took a second class degree in Greats, but was always disappointed not to have come away with a first, which he felt would have rewarded his parents for the sacrifices they had made to send him there. He joined the colonial service on graduat-ing. He was appointed OBE in

1956. Miller was despondent after leaving the colonial service on retirement. But then he se-

1948 and advanced to CBE in

the King George Jubilee Trust, set up in 1935 to help young people throughout the Commonwealth and now part of the Prince's Trust. He retired at the age of 65 and was knighted in the following year.

At the same time, however he accepted the part-time job of industrial adviser to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, encouraging firms to introduce the scheme young apprentices. With the co-operation of the Home Office, he also extended the scheme to cover a number of young offender institutions. But his own extensive travelling around the country was curtailed, following a bad fall down the steps of Coventry station. He gave up this work, too, il years ago.

Miller was not an easy man to know. He had the reputation of being slightly aloof and a stubborn taskmaster. But this was relieved by an irreverent sense of humour particularly in later years and he always relaxed with his family at home. No one doubted his strength of will. It was this which enabled him to recover from a major operation for cancer some years ago. His death came suddenly, after a serious fall.

he married in 1933 after meeting her through badminton, died 18 months ago. He is cured the post of secretary to survived by their daughter.

ENGEL LUND

Engel Lund, folk singer, died on June 15 aged 95. She was born in Reykjavík on July 14,

PERSUASIVE as a siren, the folk singer Engel Lund seemed possessed of the power to capture the soul of a nation in song. A statuesque figure, her imposing height swathed in dark, unadorned robes, she took command of her audiences, seducing them with the sweetness of her voice. With her hair slicked back, she sometimes looked like some enormous benevolent seal, but

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she charmed those who saw her with her ravishing smile. She could perform at a conference, it was said, where delegates of several countries would be present, and each would think that she came from his homeland. She sang. apparently without accent, in

twenty languages or more. Engel Lund was born in Iceland where her father was working as an apothecary, but when she was II years old her family moved back to Denmark, their country of origin. It was there that Lund had her musical education. She started with conventional lieder, but

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began to perform folk music after studying Ravel's work based on Hebrew and Greek folk melodies.

She was mixing art and folk songs in her recitals when, in 1929, in Hamburg, her accompanist fell sick and an aunt recommended she try out a young pianist called Ferdinand Rauter, nicknamed Lowe or Lion. He was to play for her for the next 31 years, working in close partnership with her, though they never became

Lund's success with folk songs eventually led her to concentrate on them entirely,

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and Rauter proved to be not only a superb accompanist but a sensitive arranger. He, like Lund, seemed instilled with a respect for the songs and a sympathy for the milieu from which they arose.

They studied each song. comparing it with other versions, working on it for a year or sometimes two before finally performing it in public. They toured Europe in the 1930s, visiting its Eastern countries as well as France, Germany and Scandanavia. The pair also visited the United States for two success-

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With the outbreak of war in 1939, Lund and Rauter settled in England and gave numerous performances, except for during a brief period when Rauter was confined, as an enemy alien, to the Isle of Man. But he was freed before long and throughout the 1940s and 1950s performed up to one hundred concerts a year in many different lands.

In 1960, however, she retired and returned to Iceland where she became a professor in Reykjavik. Ostensibly she taught singing, but she was in truth much more interested in teaching diction, movement and dramatic technique. She was treated like a princess in this land of her birth. Numerous honours were bestowed on her and she was even asked to act as First Lady on certain occasions when the wife of President Sven Bjornson was

indisposed. Known to her friends as 'Gagga", she enjoyed a keen sense of humour and outspoken opinions. She once told Peter Pears that she loved everything about him except his voice. She was a voracious reader and at times appeared to be more interested in literature than in music. But it was in music that she left her indelible mark. She was unmarried.

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The second debate arose out of LORD MILDMAY'S serious warning that the vol-untary Committee on River Pollution had practically exhausted its possibilities. Cooperation with the polluters had done much to keep or restore the purity of a source of potential danger to human and animal life, but many streams were still being fouled through ignorance or negligence. Neither the Committee nor the Ministry of Agriculture had any executive power, and although the Fisheries Board had punitive powers, their exercise was difficult, expensive, and, it might be, ruinous to industry. It was therefore essential to create some central, inter-departmental authority for the whole of our rivers. within the limits of the need for national economy but adequate to the importance of the task. LORD BALFOUR fully agreed with the necessity of the work, but was equally impressed with its difficulty. It was often

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The Committee on River Pollution had exhausted its possibilities, so the Government set up an advisory committee to "explore the possibilities" of river control and the causes of pollution

necessary to choose between the purity of a river and the ruin of a factory or a new industry. For example, the effluents from low temperature carbonization, coke ovens, beet sugar, and artificial silk were extremely noxious. The solution was probably research into the proper method of rendering them innocuous, and the Government had already set up a special Committee of experts to coordinate, select, and extend the world-wide experiments being carried on in this direction. Complementary to research was administration. The Government had decided to set up an inter-departmental Advisory Committee under SIR HORACE MONRO, which should

explore the possibilities of more harmonious and connected control of rivers, and continue the attempts to deal with certain causes of pollution, such as sewerage, for which loans totalling £5,000,000 had been made in a year.

THE RUSSIAN BALLET.

One of the advantages of ballet as a form of art, and still more as a form of entertainment is its adaptability. Stravinsky's Song of the Nightingale, given for the first time in a new guise, that is, with new choreography by Georges Balanchine and scenery and costumes designed by Henri Matisse, is transformed. It was originally an opera: then its music was concentrated into a symphonic poem, which was staged as a ballet by the Diaghilev company, and now, while the music remains the same, it appears in a new version in which simplification of the stage mechanism is carried considerably further. If simplification is to be carried out, precision in the movements seems doubly necessary. The courtiers should not hesitate when they form their grotesque patterns, and the audience should not be allowed to hear someone in the wings snapping his lingers to direct the troupe into their places. The technique of the Russian Ballet used to be above the reproach of amateurishness. It is not so now.

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■ Two main theories for the cause of a crash which killed all 228 people aboard a TWA jumbo jet shortly after take-off from New York were being urgently pursued by investigators: a catastrophic engine disintegration which sprayed red hot shards of metal into highly combustible fuel - or a bomb.

President Clinton emphasised that the reason for the disaster was unknown. "Let's wait until we see the evidence," he said as ... Pages 1, 2, 3 he hailed rescuers.....

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Dear reader - would you be quite happy going regularly through a tunnel beneath the water which is constantly lifting and settling and which dates from 1908?.....Page 18

PHILIP HOWARD

The big match between Ian Botham and Imran Khan in the High Court is providing a midsummer entertainment. There is no point in complaining that it is childish. As friends say, the only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys - in this case the cost of the lawyers Page 18 PETER RIDDELL

The Tories' "New Labour, New Danger" strategy is aimed at rebuilding their core vote - and not before time to judge by the latest MORI aggregate

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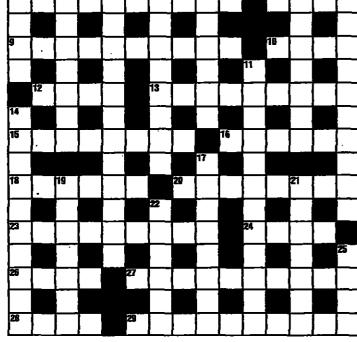
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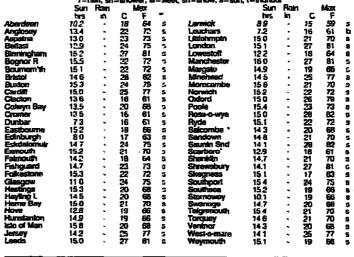
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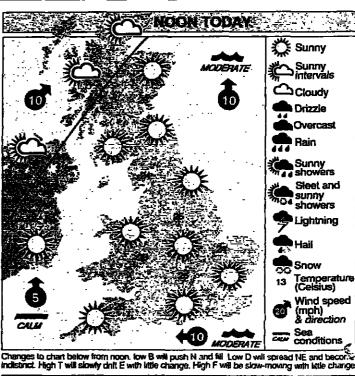


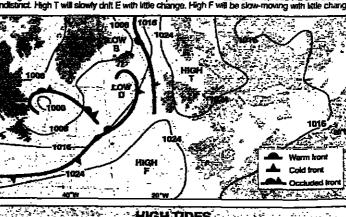
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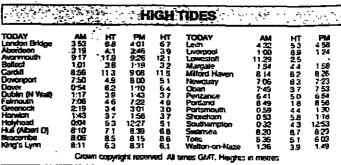
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

FRIDAY JULY 19 1996

Home loans increase as credit falls

BY ROBERT MILLER AND JANET BUSH

FRESH evidence that the steady recovery in the housing market continues was counter-balanced yesterday by an apparent cooling of demand for other types of consumer credit, suggesting that Britain is not headed for an inflationary consumer boom.

Figures from building societies show that gross and net mortgage advances in June were at their highest level since the end of the stamp duty holiday in August 1992 on a seasonally unadjusted basis. The value of home loans approved by societies last month was E4.1 billion com-pared with E3.6 billion in June last year. Monthly mortgage lending by banks, however, fell to E604 million in June from £696 million in May.

Based on the housing mar-

bonds rallied yesterday after

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, reas-

sured markets that the US

central bank would raise

interest rates if it seemed

that inflation pressures look

set to pick up, but did not

seem to suggest an immi-

In his Humphrey Haw-

kins testimony to Congress.

Mr Greenspan said the Fed

had become "especially vigi-

lant" about inflation, an

emphasis which triggered a

He said: "I am confident

that the Federal Open Mar-

ket Committee would move

to tighten reserve market

conditions should the weight

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sively suggest an oncoming

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Mr Greenspan said there

was considerable uncertain-

ty, and the behaviour of the

economy over the next few

weeks would be crucial. The

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Greenspan stance

on inflation helps

rally US markets

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

AMERICAN stocks and lowed bonds higher, with

ket data now available for the first half of 1996 leading home loan lenders, such as the Halifax and Woolwich building societies, are sticking with their recently increased forecasts for house prices to rise by about 5 per cent over the

course of the year. Lenders are so optimistic that the housing market recovery will last that they are already beginning to withdraw many of their deepdiscounted special mortgage offers and cash-back deals. some of which were worth up to £9,000. Adrian Coles, director gen-

eral of the Building Societies Association, said: "Strength in the consumer side of the general economy coupled with ed sharp falls in negative equity and lower mortgage

some investors encouraged

because they did not per-

ceive any urgency about

higher rates in Mr

Greenspan's remarks. He

said there were early indica-

tions that a period of

favourable inflation, espe-

cially in the labour market,

might be drawing to a close.

Some felt his language

would have been stronger

had he expected a rate rise at

the next FOMC meeting on

the benchmark Treasury

long bond had railied by

about three-quarters of a

point to yield 6.97 per cent. On Wall Street, the Dow

Jones industrial average

was nearly 50 points higher

yesterday as foreign ex-

change dealers interpreted

Mr Greenspan's remarks

that any tightening in mone-

tary policy may be some way off. At mid-session, it

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The dollar softened again

In mid-session trading,

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rates after the reduction in hase rates in June, are all likely to help to increase

But Tim Sweeney, director general of the British Bankers' Association (BBA), sounded a note of caution as consumer credit rose by £256 million, significantly down on the pre-vious month's £337 million. Commenting on the lending figures from BBA members Mr Sweeney said: 'While the recent monthly average, consumer credit was notice

ably less buoyant than of late." Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is banking on a strong consumer sector to deliver accelerating growth but the latest data is sending mixed signals to the Treasury. The Chancellor forecasts a 4.25 per cent rise in consumer spending next year, following 3.25 per cent this, but he still believes that this will not lead to higher inflation. Most forecasters agree that inflation is set to remain subdued but disagree on the reasons why. Some believe that consumer spending will not be as robust

as the Chancellor hopes. Separate figures from the Bank of England yesterday showed that M4 broad money supply grew by 10 per cent in year-on-year rate as in May. M4 has been above the Government's monitoring range of 3 to 9 per cent since late last vear and was one of the reasons the Bank of England opposed the last quarter-point

cut in base rates in June. But the Treasury put a positive gloss on the figures. saying that M4 growth during the second quarter appeared to have stabilised. Mr Clarke played down the importance of M4 for his deliberations on policy when testifying to the Treasury Select Committee this week. Instead, he highlighted indicators in the real economy that showed sluggish activity and emphasised that

he sees no sign of inflation pressures building up. In his own testimony to the committee, Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, suggested that strong M4 growth is incompatible with the Government's inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less but even he did not suggest that Britain was on the brink of an

inflationary boom.

City reaction to the figures earlier highs. In London, shares closed was neutral with some arguat their best of the dayafter ing that, despite M4, the the bounce in the Dow. The Chancellor may still cut inter-FT-SE 100 finished up 25.2 est rates after his July 30 meeting with Mr George. points at 3,693.4.

New issues hit by market jitters



Ric Piper, left, and Michael Jeffries are going ahead with the flotation of W S Atkins

Allied opts for low float price

By Sarah Cunningham

ALLIED CARPETS, the leading carpet retailer, yesterday set its flotation price at the lower end of its indicated range, blaming jittery markets

for its caution. The 215p per share price values Allied at £189 million. It had hoped to achieve at least £200 million and had set a range of 205p to 235p. "The final pricing of the offer took place in a very difficult mar-ket, said Ray Nethercott.

dealings begin next Tuesday. Small investors took up much less of the offer than had been hoped. Only 57 per cent of the nearly 14 million shares in the intermediaries offer were sold and the difference was taken up by institutions. At the issue price, the proforma his-toric price/earnings ratio of the issue price is 18.7, which compares favourably with Carpetright, its similarly sized quoted competitor, which is on an historic p/e of 24.

Kleinwort Benson, the lead underwriter for British Biotech's £143 million rights issue, confirmed yesterday that the offering was a flop, with only 49 per cent of shareholders

taking up the rights.

Kleinwort said that the remainder of the one-for-eight rights issue of 7.25 million new shares had been allocated to the sub-underwriting group. The issue was priced at £20.50 per share, against the closing price of £19.63 on Wednesday, British Biotech shares rebounded yesterday to close at £21.43.

They were £36 in May. Meanwhile, the £198 million flotation of WS Atkins, the engineering consultancy, is going ahead at 215p a share, valuing the holding of Mich-ael Jetfries, chief executive, at £3 million. Ric Piper, finance director, has 180,000 shares.

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Fast track

Railtrack, the recently privatised rail and signal operator, is to join the FT-SE created by the merger of Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance. Railtrack celebrated its promotion with a 4½ p rise to Markets, page 26

Watched dogs

Energy regulators are to face parliamentary scrutiny during an investigation that could lead to a single regulator rather than separate bodies for electricity

Lloyds Chemists fight is expected to resume

By MARTIN WALLER

A BIDDING war is expected to resume today when Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, clears the way for rival offers for Lloyds Chem-

A series of rising takeover bids for Lloyds, the last valuing it at £650 million, was put on hold in March by a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The bidders are UniChem, British owner of the Moss pharmacies, and Gehe,

a share-buying raid. Sources close to the companies expect Mr Lang's ver-dict at noon today. The MMC is thought to have recom-mended letting the bids through, but making the winner sell part of its pharmaceu-

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ists, the pharmacy chain.

of Germany, buyer last year of the British pharmaceuticals

business AAH. At the time of the reference. Gehe had made the highest bid, worth £5 a Lloyds share, but UniChem held 10 per cent of Lloyds after

tical wholesaling business.

faces investor revolt

By JASON NISSE

■ TOMKINS, the acquisitive conglomerate headed by Greg Hutchings, is facing a rebellion by leading shareholders over its proposal to introduce a long-term loyalty plan rewarding around 50 senior executives up to £260,000 of shares each.

Some large institutional investors have decided to vote against the scheme at Wednesday's shareholders' meeting, and others may follow suit. The loyalty plan will give any of 50 key executives up to 100,000 shares if

they buy the same amount of Tomkins' shares and hold them for seven years. lan Duncan, Tomkins' finance director, said the company had suffered heavily from other firms headhunting its staff and was introducing the plan

to tie in key executives. The institutions are unhappy that there is no performance threshold that the executives will have to meet to receive those shares. "We are in principle against matching share rewards where there are no performance hurdles," a director of a leading

insurance group said.



Hutchings: hopes to tie in key staff

the executives would have to borrow large sums to buy the shares at the beginning of the seven years and Tomkins found banks would only lend the money if there was a definite payout at the end.

The institutions have also raised worries about the appointment as a non-executive director of Charles Gates, chairman of Gates Corporation, the US group that Tomkins is buying for £753 million. Mr Gates is 75, and Mr Duncan said a performance most institutions routinely veto the Mr. Duncan said a performance appointment of any director over 70. using the group's existing links with

Tomkins' loyalty plan | Workers win as TBI lands Belfast airport

By Fraser Nelson

TBI, the property group that owns Cardiff airport, is to buy Belfast International Airport for £105 million. making it Britain's largest airport The deal will not £18 million for the

airport's three executive directors, who invested just £50,000 each in a management buyout from BAA two years ago. The airport's 137 stakeholding employees, 70 per cent of its workforce,

will share £10 million. Some invested

as little as £300. Their average payout is expected to be £76,000. Mercury Asset Management, which backed the buyout with a £16.4 million investment, will sell its majority stake to TBI for £57 million, to be paid in cash and shares. MAM is to

retain the shares, making it TBI's second largest shareholder with an 11.5 per cent stake. Keith Brooks, TBI's chief executive, said the group would invest heavily in the airport, opening new commercial outlets to generate more passenger spending. He added that he intended to attract more international flights by

tour operators at Cardiff airport. Under TBI's ownership, Cardiff air-port increased its operating profit by 63 per cent to £5.2 million in 11 months. lifting turnover 11 per cent to £14.5 million. Mr Brooks said he intended to achieve the same growth at Belfast.

TBI's shares rose ip to 7312p yesterday, as it also reported financial results significantly ahead of analysts' predictions. In the year to March 31, its property portfolio grew 78 per cent to £190 million, swelled by the £98 million worth of property from its £43 million acquisition of Molyneux Estates. Rental income rose by 71 per cent to £16.3 million and it raised £30 million from the 13 properties it sold during the year.

Overall, group pre-tax profits rose 146 per cent to £10.1 million, beating forecasts of £6.1 million. Credit Lyonnais Laing is forecasting a further 78 per cent growth in pre-tax profits to £18 million next year. The final and total dividend was lp (0.18p), paid from earnings which doubled to 2.93p per share (L40p).

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Broker is struck off by SFA

An investment broker who "churned" a client account and gave unsuitable advice has been expelled from the City by the Securities and Futures Authority. John Odell, who was paid on a half-commission basis by Branston & Gothard, a private client stockbroking firm for whom he dealt on a self-employed basis. was also struck off the professional registers maintained by the SFA and ordered to pay costs of £3,000. Branston & Gothard, who compensated a client for an unspecified loss, was ordered to pay a £10,000 fine and £6,000 costs.

Graseby lift

Graseby, the electronic instruments company, may receive orders worth up to \$50 million over five years from the US Army and the US Department of Defence for its chemical agent detec-tion system, G1D3. It will receive initial orders of up

Telemetrix fall

Shares of Telemetrix fell 18p to 53p after the supplier of components for telecommunications and networking reported pre-tax profits of £200,000 (£4.9 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings fell to lp a share (3.2p). There is again no dividend.

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Chris Swan, head of Finelist, the motor parts distributor, aims to expand Motor World to more than 500 branches

Chambers urge caution on rates as confidence revives

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S chambers of commerce yesterday gave a warning against interest rate changes and tax cuts, as they announced new evidence of an increase in business confidence and a reverse in the decline of the UK's manufac-

turing industry. Leaders of the chambers (BCC) said that their latest quarterly survey showed the economy to be on a "sound footing" with no immediate evidence of overheating. Referring to the division between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Gover-nor of the Bank of England, over interest rate policy, the chambers said that what the survey was showing "is that we have to be extremely cautious on interest rates". Dr Ian Peters, Deputy Di-

rector-General of the BCC, said the Chancellor and Governor should "do nothing that might endanger the recovery and allow inflationary pressures to run away".

Any changes in base rates

heads.* In its survey of more than 8,000 companies, the cham-bers found that from a threehad to be sustainable, he said, and gave a warning against year low in the last quarter.

cerned" the Government panies, sales growth had risen might run monetary and fiscal to the second-highest figure policy for political rather than recorded by the chambers, economic reasons as the elec-tion drew closer: "It's imporwith a net balance - those reporting an increase set against those registering a fall tant the politicians keep their

of 35 per cent of firms. On exports, growth was also recovering, with a net balance

of one third of manufacturing companies reporting an in-crease in export orders, the level of two quarters ago. Manufacturers' confidence

was also returning, the survey suggested. - up from a balance of 49 per cent three months ago to 54 per cent now. But the balance of manufacturing firms revising their investment plans upward has fallen back in the past three months, from 22 per cent to 19 per cent. Service-sector investment was again stable.

manufacturing activity had recovered to its level of six

months ago, mainly because

larger firms were seeing a

Among service sector com-

return to growth.

workforces, while jobs in the

Finelist in £46m offer for Motor World

By Sarah Cunningham

FINELIST, the motor parts distributor, yesterday launched an agreed £46.9 million share exchange offer for Motor World, the main competitor to Halfords.

The bid of 75 new Finelist shares for every 73 Motor World shares values Motor World shares at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price yesterday of 285p. Motor World shares leapt 65p on news of the offer, Finelist shares lost to place also at the shares at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to their closing price years at 288p, a slight premium to the slight premiu shares lost 7p to close also at

285p.

The offer is in new shares and up to 50 per cent in a cash alternative of 260p a share The merged company will be capitalised at almost £150

Chris Swan, founder and chairman of Finelist, who floated the company in 1994, will remain in charge, but Darrell Kershaw, Motor World's managing director, will join the board of the

enlarged company.

The deal will combine
Finelist's 208 car parts sales
depots, which trade as Edmunds Walker and Autela, with the 330 Motor World parts retail outlets.

Mr Swan said that he hopes to expand the number of Motor World branches to more than 500 in the next three years. The acquisition will enhance earnings in the first year. The company is likely to expand further by buying out independent operators, who still dominate the highly fragmented market, he said.

Motor World directors and their families have accepted the offer on behalf of their 8.8 per cent holding. The balance is owned by institutions.

Motor World said yesterday that its pre-tax profit in the six months to April 28 was up by i3.1 per cent, to £2.15 million, on sales up by 24.1 per cent, to £30.9 million. It will pay a dividend of 3p a share.

Finelist estimated its pretax profit for the year to June 30 at £8.55 million. It will recommend a final dividend of 4.5p a share. It will not be payable on new Finelist shares issued for the offer.

Legal & General sees income up

SHARES in Legal & General advanced yesterday in response shares in Legal & General advances yesterday in response to encouraging figures on new business, particularly in the UK. Worldwide premium income rose by 39 per cent and UK premium income by 56 per cent, reflecting an upturn in the life assurance sector after two years of difficult trading in the industry. L&G's figures followed strong rises in new business this week from Prudential, the biggest life insurer. Sun Life, and Britannic. L&G's index-tracking investment products

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contributed to its success.

L&G's shares rose 15p, to 702p, and Lloyds Abbey Life, due to report interim figures next Wednesday, was up 14p, to 528p, on City expectations that its interim dividend will rise by 10 per cent. L&G's worldwide new life, pensions and investment business in the first half of 1996 was £185.6 million (1995: £133.3 million). The figures for both years now include Pen and unit trust cales 11K new business rose 56.4 contributed to its success. include Pep and unit trust sales. UK new business rose 56.4 per cent, to £141.5 million (1995: £90.5 million).

Electricity buyback

NORTHERN Ireland Electricity has renewed its remit to buy back up to 14.9 per cent of its shares. The company last year bought back 24 million shares to improve its capital structure. The company is awaiting the outcome of its first regulatory review, which will set prices for the next five years. Electricity prices are substantially higher in Northern Ireland than in the rest of the United Kingdom, largely because the company is locked into contracts with generators in the province.

MPs back Link scheme

THE Government's Business Links - one-stop shops providing services to local businesses - are one of the most important business reforms of the 1990s, the all-party Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry said. In spite of some business scepticism about the scheme's role, the committee of MPs said: "We remain firm supporters of the concept of Business Link and continue to regard it as having enormous potential for improving competitiveness."

Fund's directors reply

THE directors of the \$200 million close-ended Malaysia Equity Fund yesterday revealed their restructuring proposals to counter those put forward six weeks ago by the UK arm of Peregrine, the Hong Kong investment house. British, Far Eastern and European shareholders in the fund, which is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, will now be asked to vote on both Peregrine's and Malaysia's plans to turn the fund into an open-ended structure at a meeting on September 24.

AEA sell-off move likely

MOVES to privatise the commercial division of the UK Atomic Energy Authority are expected soon. In spite of British Energy's disappointing stock market performance, through which small investors have lost money, the Government is expected to press ahead with plans to sell AEA Technology for a likely price of £200 million. AEA Technology derives about half of its business from the nuclear industry with work on decommissioning and extending the life of nuclear power stations.

Aim profits take off

AIM GROUP, the aircraft interiors manufacturer; saw pretax profits rise to £3.92 million in the year to April 30 from just £33,000 in the previous 12 months. A Northwest Airlines contract for an initial 106 DC9-30 aircraft interiors gave 100st to furnover, which rose to a record £01.2 million (£32.6 million). Earnings were 20.3p a share, compared with losses of 0.2p last time. The total dividend is increased to 5p from 4.5p, with a 4p final.

Walters priced at £24m

ROBERT WALTERS, the financial recruitment consultancy, is to be capitalised at £24.2 million when it floats on the Stock Exchange next Thursday. The group, which operates in seven countries worldwide, is raising £2 million from the placing, which it will use to pursue larger contracts. Collins Stewart & Co have placed 9.2 million shares at 105p, giving it an historic price earnings multiple of 16.3 times. The issue was twice oversubscribed.

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Otis shake-up to cost 700 jobs 480 jobs. A further 220 jobs By Clare Stewart

ABOUT 700 jobs are to be lost as Ous, the lifts manufacturer, merges two of its UK subsid-

Otis, the world's largest lift company, is to merge Express Lifts, of Northampton, with Evans Lifts, of Leicester, The closure of the Northampton

will go from the 38 sites across the country operated by both Evans and Express. Otis, which acquired Ex-

press Lifts in April, blamed the fall in orders as a result of the slump in the construction industry.

Roy Markham, managing director of Express Lifts, said:

increased competition from overseas, particularly from the Far East." Express Lifts, which has

further cuts in rates having to

be followed promptly by new

rate rises. BCC leaders also

gave a warning against tax

cuts in the Budget. Dr Peters

said business was "very con-

been present in Northampton since 1917, incurred a pre-tax loss of £1.3 million in the year to April 30. The merged business is to be called Express Evans Lifts and will be based

In manufacturing, large firms are continuing to cut

Johnson deal for Prince

JOHNSON Controls Inc is to and armrests. Its products are acquire Prince Automotive, a included in 80 vehicle platprivately owned automotive interiors supplier for about \$1.35 billion in cash Prince, which expects 1996 sales of about \$350 million, supplies interior systems and components, including overhead systems and consoles, door panels, floor consoles, visors

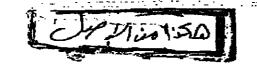
forms, primarily for domestic sales. Prince has a workforce of 4,500 and eight manufacturing plants; Johnson Con-trols produces automotive seating systems, facility services and control systems. plastics packaging and auto-

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☐ Ruling due on Lloyds bids ☐ Choppy waters for new share issues ☐ Vital poll draws nearer for builder

☐ ONE of the few areas still labouring under the sort of heavy-handed state supervision taken for granted 40 years ago is the complicated route between drug manufacturer and that useful little shop across from the doctor's surgery. The Govern-ment would love to deregulate, but the country's 9,000 independent pharmacies like things as they are, thank you, and there are few votes in making life more difficult for frail pensioners and

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Today Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, should rule on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's four-month in-quiry into the competing bids for Lloyds Chemists. Mr Lang has been a tad unpredictable of late. but he is likely to follow the MMC's line and allow a resumption of the bidding war.

As a result, either Gehe of Germany, which owns the British business AAH, or UniChem, owner of the Moss chain of pharmacies, will own Lloyds by the end of this year. The country's second biggest drugs retailer and third biggest dist-ributor will be under new management. The prospects. thereafter, for those pensioners and toddlers are more

Awaiting Dr Lang's prescription The MMC reference in March may stay with the wholesaler. PENNINGTON-

was a shock because both bidders had privately indicated they would do anything they were asked. It is marginally easier to open a pub than be granted a licence to open a pharmacy, as the policy has been to ensure a hidden subsidy by allowing onlyone in a given area. Licences change hands for up to £500,000, and Lloyds has 920 of them. If UniChem wins its total will outstrip the 1.200 held by Boots, the market leader: AAH would those pensioners and toddlers end up neck and neck. can comfortably totter.

But it is not the retail business that is bothering the MMC. The two bidders have a quarter or more of the wholesaling market. and Lloyds another 5 per cent. This is also regulated, wholesalers receiving a 12½ per cent margin on the drugs they buy, four fifths of this passed on to the retailer. There are areas of the country where the two overlap with Lloyds. The fear has been that in places where one or other becomes sole supplier on taking

out Lloyds, some of that margin

Mr Lang, therefore, is likely to insist on sales of depots to independents to prevent such local monopolies. Fair enough; but there is a danger the retail aspect may be overlooked. Those licences are entirely portable. There must be some temptation, once Lloyds is bedded down, to move run-down or struggling local pharmacies to more upbeat retail sites - perhaps rather further from the surgery than

Price must be right at Somerfield

☐ THIS is the worst possible market for issuing new shares. Wild daily swings on the FT-SE, driven entirely by the state of Wall Street and a few obscure high-tech stocks, engender a cautious approach on the part of those asked to put up the cash a few days in advance. Energy

shareholders can be permitted a wry smile here. But Somerfield. the food retailer that seems to change its name with every fresh delivery from the warehouse, may just be about to be caught in Energy's fallout.

Allied Carpets started with hopes of commanding a market value of £250 million, conceded last month that perhaps £200 million was more like it, and yesterday had to settle for a comparatively slim £189 million. Small investors, perhaps with their fingers burnt by Jarvis Hotels and then by British Energy itself, stayed away, and only around half of the Allied

taken up. The slack was taken up by the City, and the issue was comfortably oversubscribed. Contrast British Biotech, where even the City was not prepared to take a longer view. But if the well-respected Allied Carpets, even on a conservative pricing range, cannot grab Sid's fancy, what hope is there for Somer-field, which must lie on any range of assessed risk some-

where between the two? The food chain wants to sell 20 per cent of its shares to the retail market. Why should Sids restrain themselves in the face of Allied only to hurtle into the arms of the frankly less attractive Somerfield? This is not the time for over-confidence or for trying to brazen it out in the market.

Allied Carpets is getting away with it because it has decided to be realistic about price. After lceland's profit warning on Wednesday and Allied's realism, Somerfield had better start thinking again about whether any small shareholders will

or whether it will suffer the humiliation of falling short. But then unlike Ray Nethercott of Allied, David Simons, Somerfield's chief executive, has a £5 million-plus bonus riding on success of the float.

Shaky foundations at Costain

☐ BY MONDAY lunchtime one of the most historic names in British construction may be heading for the breaker's yard. The fate of Costain depends upon a weekend of brinkmanship, and the mathematics of Monday's extraordinary meeting are stacked against the company.

The two biggest shareholders, with 19 per cent each, say they will reject the refinancing plan. This would reduce debt to manageable levels, but it would also effectively strip existing investors of three shares out of every four they hold. If the dissidents hold firm, Costain must achieve an 80

per cent vote of all shareholders to have any chance of success. The only question is whether they really want to pull the temple roof down on everyone, because the only alternative is the receivers.

If Costain survives, even more startling will be the survival of its Teflon-coated deputy chairman, Peter Costain. As the last family board member, he has presided over the raising and subsequent loss of £160 million of shareholders' money over the past half decade. Yet the refinancing includes a change in the articles of association to allow him to stay on. With his powers of persua sion, perhaps Mr Costain should be in charge of negotiations with the rebel shareholders.

Hedge fund

OUR pensions are in safe hands. A fund manager, wishing to remain nameless, called yesterday to voice horror over United Utilities' long-term incentive plan, which faces a vote at the annual meeting next week. Our clients are unhappy. They feel it is overgenerous and based on the wrong performance criteria. That is why we have decided to ... abstain." Makes you despair, doesn't it?

Super regulator for energy tops inquiry agenda

ENERGY regulators are to eration. The investigation face parliamentary scrutiny tion that could lead to a single regulator rather than separate bodies for electricity

MPs on the Trade and Industry Select Committee will call Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, and Clare Spottiswoode, his counterpart in gas, to give evidence in a major review of regulatory practice. While concentrating on the energy regulators, it is thought that the review will also embrace Oftel.

MPs will start work on the inquiry in October and it is man, said the company was expected it will take several "at a critical stage in its months to complete. The dealings with Oftel" and agenda of the select committee, chaired by Labour's to disagreements over what Martin O' Neill, has yet to be finalised but the feasiblity of a super regulator, as opposed to individual specialised regulators, is thought to be a prime consid-

comes as three regulators are already grappling with turbulent times. A Monopolies and Mergers Commission referral for British Gas seems inevitable with Ofgas's final pricing proposals for its pipeline division expected next week. Ms Spottiswoode's proposals to curb revenues by about £850 million next year, which could deliver a £30 cut in household bills, provoked an angry reaction from British Gas and its

Oftel is also set to trigger an MMC inquiry. At BT's annual meeting in Newcastle yesterday, Sir Iain Vallance, chaircalled for a legislative solution powers Oftel should have to determine, and out an end to. business practices it deems to be anti-competitive.

shareholders.

in a letter sent to BT last night, Oftel essentially pre- year.

sented the company with a take-it-or-leave-it regulatory package. The package reduces the price cap to the inflation rate, less 42 per cent, against the current RPI-72 per cent, and remains firm on the anti-

Professor Littlechild is at the centre of a storm over the progress of competition in domestic electricity. Yesterday the electricity pool, the indus-try's wholesale market, endorsed a report that roundly criticised Offer, his office, for its role in the plan to bring choice to 23 million house holds. The report, by the pool auditor, said that competition its 1998 deadline.

☐ Figures from the Gas Consumers Council yesterday showed complaints against British Gas are still increasing. In the first six months of the year complaints rose 39 per cent to 25,133 in comparison with the first half of last

Hi-Tec steps up recovery

By CLARE STEWART

RECOVERY at Hi-Tec Sports, the sports footwear manufacturer, took another step forward after a strong rise in profits in the year to April. Pretax profits came in at £2 million, compared to a £12.5 million loss for the previous 15-month period.

Frank van Wezel, chairman, said the improvement was achieved in spite of difficult trading conditions in

Britain and America, "We expect the current year to remain highly competi-tive," he added.

Although turnover on a 12-month like-for-like basis fell from £101 million to £93 million, operating profits rose from £3 million to £4.4 million. Earnings were 2.5p a share (26.8p loss), but the company is not yet ready to restore the dividend. The shares fell Ip to 44p. | making an interim payout. However,

Budgie lifts Sleepy Kids

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By Clare Stewart

BUDGIE the Helicopter continues to whip up profits for Sleepy Kids, the animation and merchandising group. The cartoon character created by the Duchess of York, helped half-year pretax profits to rise 7 per cent to £325,081, while group turnover rose 29 per cent to £950,925. After its first ever dividend of 0.1p last year, Sleepy Kids is not

Martin Powell, chairman, said it does intend to pay a final dividend this year. Budgie has now been sold to 70 countries, and more than 130 merchandising deals have been signed. Budgie and Transylvania Pet Shop, another Sleepy Kids property, are attracting top new series of Transylvania Pet Shop drew more than 1.6 million viewers.

Lloyd's picks Maltby for **Equitas post** COLIN MALTBY, former

chief executive of Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, has been appointed chief executive officer of Equitas, the £7 billion reinsurance company set up by Lloyd's of London. Tony Richards. 47, becomes group financial controller.

Mr Malthy, 45, will supervise the fund management groups chosen 10 manage Equitas's investment portfolio. The UK groups are BZW Invest-ment Management; Mercury Asset Management, PDFM; and Prudential Portfolio Managers, who will each manage assets of between £500 million and El billion.

The American groups include Scudder. Stevens & Clark and Zurich Investment Management.

Deals boost for healthcare sector

By ERIC REGULY

DEALS agreed yesterday by Cantab and Biocompatibles helped to lift the spirits of the battered emerging pharmaceuticals and healthcare

Shares of Cantab, a Cambridge company that specialises in immunology, rose 68p to 663p after it formed a collaboration with SmithKline Beecham to develop and mar-ket Cantab's so-called TAGW vaccine for genital warts. Cantab said that it could

potentially receive £24 million in licence and milestone payments under the vaccine agreement.

It will receive £7 million up front, divided between licence fees of £3 million and an equity investment of £4 million in the form of 471,000 new shares at a subscription rose 5p to 400p.

price of £8.50. The investment is equal to 3 per cent of the company's equity. Cantab may receive up to £17 million more if certain development milestones under the agree-

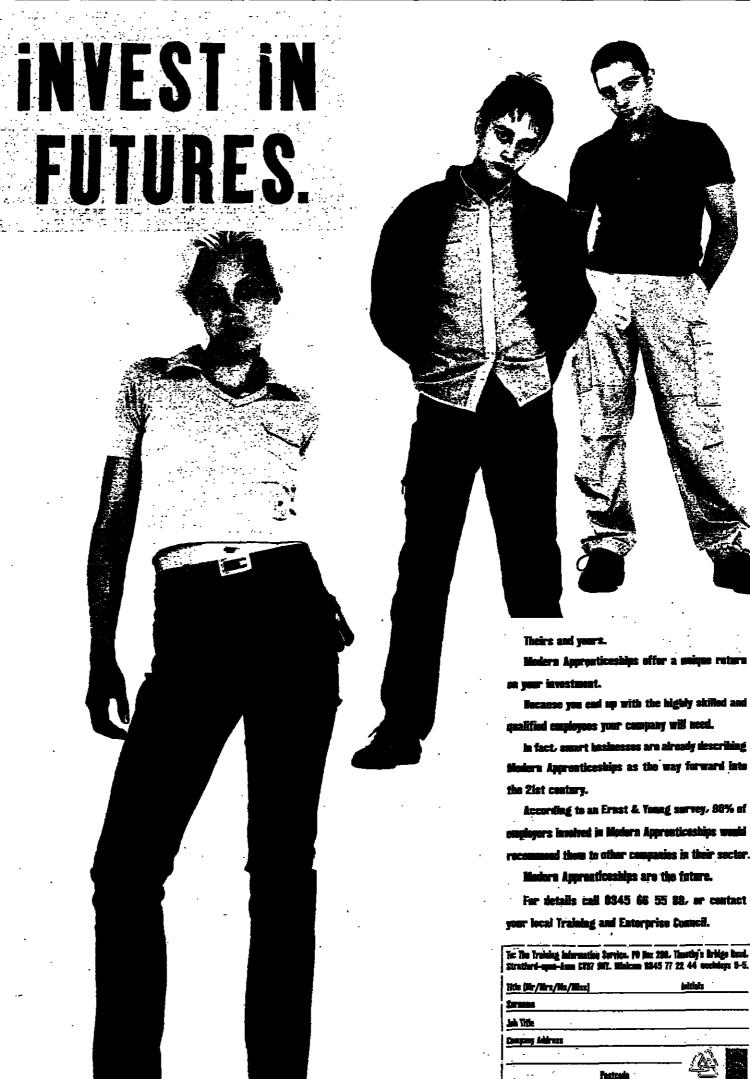
ceives exclusive worldwide development, manufacturing and marketing rights to the TAGW products. Biocompatibles signed a two-year agreement with

SmithKline, in return, re-

Biocompatibles will receive an initial payment of \$100,000 under the agreement, followed by up to \$1.5 million in milestone payments. The company's shares

Cryolife of Marietta, Georgia, to apply Biocompatibles' coatings technology to porcine and human heart valves.

Property group buys Island Site for £31m



Shaftesbury looks west

By CARL MORTISHED

SHAFTESBURY, the property group that owns the Chinatown Estate in London, is expanding its empire westwards with the £31 million purchase of the Island Site adjacent to the Trocadero leisure centre.

The deal is being financed with a one-for-two rights issue priced at 125p to raise £29.2 million. Shares in the property arpup fell lp to 147p on news of tire cash call.

The Island Site is owned by Rupert Street Investments, a company that went into receivership along with the Trocadero in 1993, KPMG appointed Shaftesbury as project manager in February 1993. The 24 restaurants and shops on the site were then repay Lloyds Bank which in



Lane: £20m reinvestment

valued at £18 million. Since then, the receivers have sold the Rialto cinema site to Paul Raymond for E14 million, but the money raised is unlikely to

1993 had about £55 million outstanding on the site. Bounded by Shaftesbury Avenue to the North, the Trocadero to the West, Coventry Street to the South and Chinatown to the East, the properties will increase

Shaftesbury's West End hold-

ings to about 80 per cent of the

group's portfolio.

Jonathan Lane, chief executive of Shaftesbury, said the emphasis would increase with the planned £20 million sale of the group's non-London properties and reinvestment in Chinatown, Covent Garden

and Carnaby Street. Rental income from the Island Site totals £1.79 million, but, relet at market rates, it could rise to £2.5 million.

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British Biotech bounce back with 180p surge

SHARES of **British Biotech** bounced back with a rise of 180p at £21.43 after the rump of its £143 million rights issue was more than 12 times oversubscribed.

The remaining shares were placed with various institutions at £19.50 after the price dipped below the rights terms of £20.50. Brokers said British Biotech had become the victim of a classic bear raid in the past week with speculators happy to sell the price lower. Many of those bears are still uncovered and, now that the unwanted shares have been placed, may scramble to cover their positions, forcing the price still higher. Only last month the shares touched a high of almost £37, but fell sharply after the company announced the terms of tits

Despite its popularity British Biotech has yet to make a penny profit. But hopes are high for Marimastat, its pancreatic cancer treatment. which is about to enter phase three clinical trials. The shares are due to be sub-divided later

in the year. Cantab Pharmaceutical celebrated its link-up with SmithKline Beecham to develop and market a new vaccine for genital warts with a rise of 68p to 663p. SmithKline, up 4p at 6712p, is also reckoned to have taken out options in Cantab shares.

Elsewhere, Chiroscience rose 23p to 340p and Cortecs International 13p to 282p. But first-time dealings in Alyzime received a lukewarm reception. Offered at 60p on the Alternative Investment Market, shares in the biotech company opened at 58p and slipped to close at 53p, a discount of 8p on the day.

ML Laboratories celebrated news of its first profits ever with a jump of 17p to 361p. The surplus of £83,105 compared with a loss last time of £1.4 million and was achieved on tripled sales. The group has signed a marketing deal with Medeva worth £70 million.

The rest of the equity mar ket closed at its best of the day, cheered by comments made by Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman, to Congress. He sees the US economy slowing to a sustainable pace in the second half of the year and seems reluctant to raise US interest rates.

His comments had a positive effect on share prices on



Oil shares strengthened on fears of a terrorism revival

the Dow Jones climbing more than 50 points in early trad-ing. London followed suit with the FT-SE 100 index ending the session 35.2 points up at 3,693.4. Total turnover was less than 600 million shares.

Railtrack celebrated its elevation to the top 100 companies that make up the index with a rise of 44p at 214p. It covers wells in two oilfields located in block 404 in the Ghadames Basin. As part of the deal Lasmo make plans for the design and construction of stage one production facilities in the two fields.

Oil shares generally benefited from a firmer crude price on world markets, with traders taking the view that North fought off opposition from Sea supplies may be boosted

Blue Circle Industries stood out with a rise of 6p to 360p after a buy recommendation from Williams de Broë, the broker, which says it is worth acquiring for its property element alone. The broker calculates the value of BCl's property portfolio at £500 million compared with the £100 million its books say.

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Lucas Industries, up 5p at 216p. Premier Farnell, unchanged at 623p, Compass, steady at 566p. Securicor. lp lighter at 259p, and Hays, down 5p at 445p. It follows the merger of Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance.

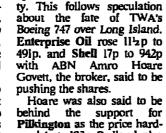
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☐ NEW YORK: Shares on FT-SE Wall Street rallied after the testimony by Alan Greenspan. chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, raised optimism that there was no imminent

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although yesterday, the message from the Fed was

read differently by bond and

equity investors, with the

latter taking the bullish view

that rates will not go up in

But those investors worry-

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the short term.

That could still happen.

yesterday's agreement in Belfast, the company could soon be earning half of its profits from airports, making TBI unrecognisable as the small Welsh property group which reversed into Markheath in 1994.

The shift into transport has been good for shareholders; in spite of having no experience operating airports. TBI has accelerated the pace of growth at Cardiff, raising commercial spend per passenger by 23 per cent in the space of a year and boosting airport profits by 63 per cent.

TBI's strategy is to repeat the success of BAA in driving up retail income in airports. The regional airports have the attraction of growing from a relatively low traffic base and commercial spend. They are also growing

TBI is rapidly turning into an airports group. faster — some S-IO per cent a year compared with a sideline in property investment. After with 4-5 per cent in the congested airports in with 4-5 per cent in the congested airports in with 4-5 per cent in the congested airports in the South East. Unlike Cardiff. Belfast International is mainly a domestic airport with only 24 per cent of traffic from international chartered operations. The challenge for TBI will be to bring some of the charter traffic that disappears to Dublin or Gatwick back to Belfast, while at the same time boosting the meagre £1.93 per passenger generated from shops, bars and duty-free. That compares with more than £4 at Cardiff.

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There must be a risk that Belfast will suffer an economic setback from the collapse of the peace talks but over the past ten years the airport has grown at a compound rate of 8 per cent a year. Compared with the cyclical property sector, currently dull as ditchwater, that sort of growth deserves a premium rating.

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WOLSELEY has been one of the more bizarre casualties of the recent fallout in the US market but the collapse in its share price looks more like an opportunity than a cause

The market gave the builder's merchant a hammering because Wolseley generates some 40 per cent of its operating profits from North America with an important presence in the hot Carolinas

construction market. That fails to explain the slump in the shares occasioned by jitters on Wall Street over technology stocks. Woiseley may arguably be at risk from an interest rate rise. Concern over an increase in wage inflation has kept the US long bond yield on the rise and investors feared a reaction by the Federal Reserve

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Motor World

WHEN it comes to selling clutch cables and windscreen wipers there are two companies that matter. Armed with the Finelist distribution power, Motor World is now a much stronger competitor to Halfords. The deal also puts Motor World in a better position to take over a large slice of the 80 per cent of the market currently in the hands of independent retailers.

Motor World already operates more than 330 stores compared with 180 when it was floated in 1993 — and a large part of its expansion is because of its nurchase last year of the Charlie Brown

outlets. The combined businesses will be retaining the knowhow of Finelist's chairman Chris Swan, who at one time worked with Halfords. That looks promising and gives the combined group a better chance of delivering the synergistic benefits of integrat-

ing a distributor and retailer. The market has been tough with the National Lottery blamed for less spending by consumers on patching up their old bangers. At the same time cars are becoming more reliable, requiring less expenditure on maintenance. However, the good news for all motor parts companies is

cars coming on the roads. The bad news for the independents is that Halfords and Motor World would like to do to them what Tesco and Sainsbury have already done to small greengrocers. Prices may come down but there will be less choice: a Motor World.

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Skynet

FOR anyone who found an investment in British Biotech too dull, SkyNet Corporation offers an alternative punt. Only founded in February. the maker of tracking systems to find stolen cars joined

the Ofex market in June with a price of 28.5p. The price is now 250p and Skynet plans to move to AIM at the end of

next month. Yesterday it announced a deal with European Telecom. which proudly calls itself a leading international distributor of cellular telephones. European Telecom is marketing SkyNet 2000, SkyNet's satellite tracking system which ties in with people's mobile phones. So long as SkyNet moves to AIM, European Telecom has agreed to sell 4000 of these devices a year for the next three years. This only leaves SkyNet needing to sell another 44,000 to hit its target

48,000 a year. Of course SkyNet has not made a penny of profit, nor is it likely to do so for a while. SkyNet may be a great company with a great product, but investors should handle the shares with asbestos

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Herts and minds

SIR Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, is to be congratulated on his appointment as the next chancelior of the University of Hertfordshire. Sir Ian, who went straight from Malvern College into National Service, and then to Tesco as a management trainee, never went to university. But as something of a celebrity in his home county. he is said to be delighted with the invitation from his local school of learning. which is sandwiched neatly between two giant Tesco supermarkets. Sir Brian Corby, former chairman of the Prudential and another Herts man, is standing down as chancellor after

WALLS have ears in Chinatown. In the run-up to esbury's rights issue, announced yesterday, Jonathan Lane, chief executive. made the mistake of missing his daily visit to tenants on the Chinatown Estate. The Chinese noted my absence," he explains. "They said you must be busy, you must be up to something." Next time, Mr Lane promises not to let the City interrupt his constitutional down Gerrard Street.

three years.

Open all hours

ITS good to talk, but surely not to your boss at the weekend? J Rothschild Assurance must think so. It has issued all the home, fax, mobile and car phone numbers of its senior staff. At any time, anyone at the 1.000-strong company can put a call into senior management, including Sir Mark Weinberg, chairman, to discuss a problem out of office hours. A spokesman said: "It's all called the no-hiding



'Now Railtrack has really arrived"

Launch date

THE adviser to the Association for the Monetary Union of Europe, Christo-pher Johnson, a former chief economic adviser to Lloyds Bank, was struggling yesterday to gather guests for the launch of his latest pro-European propaganda. In spite of the tube strike, various MPs, including Hugh Dykes and John MacGregor, made it to the launch of In With the Euro, Out With the Pound. But where was Sir Ted Heath, the guru who gushes on the back of the new book: "Everyone who cares about the economic well-being of the United Kingdom should read it?" At the Savoy, of course, celebrating his 80th

Pedalling a line

THE tube strike yesterday wasn't going to get in the way of Alex Sandberg. chairman of College Hill. To make sure PR clients Robert Walters and WS Atkins made it to the market without a hitch. Sandberg cycled from his home in Putney to Gresham Street. In the Seventies, he used to distribute press releases around the City from the saddle of a monkey bike. After yesterday's journey, made in 39 minutes, Sandberg boasted to colleagues that he could easily have completed it under half an hour, had he wanted to arrive hot and

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CBI limbers up for election intent on running in neutral

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Philip Bassett says

business knows what it wants

from government

but is keen to

avoid party games

usiness is firing its startinggun for the general election. Polling day may be nine months away, but the Confederation of British Industry's move this week, setting out its priorities for the election, does no more than formalise what business leaders have been mulling over: what UK business wants from an incoming government.

We all know there's going to be a Labour government. It's just that we can't say so." The speaker is a senior businessman, a director with responsibilities for the government relations of a major privatised utility. Such private musings are now the common currency of business's political talk. Tony Blair may endlessly warn his party against electoral complacency, but for much of business and the City a Labour victory is already factored in.

CBI leaders wriggled uncomfortably on the point when questioned at the launch of their glossy manifesto. Prospering in a Global Economy. Such a determinedly non-political title was reflected in their parrying of attempts to get them to declare their preference in party terms - though there are many, in the Conservative Party and among CBI backwoodsmen, who regard the declaration of political neutrality in the run-up to the election as a politically partisan act, pulling business away from what they feel is its natural role of supporting the

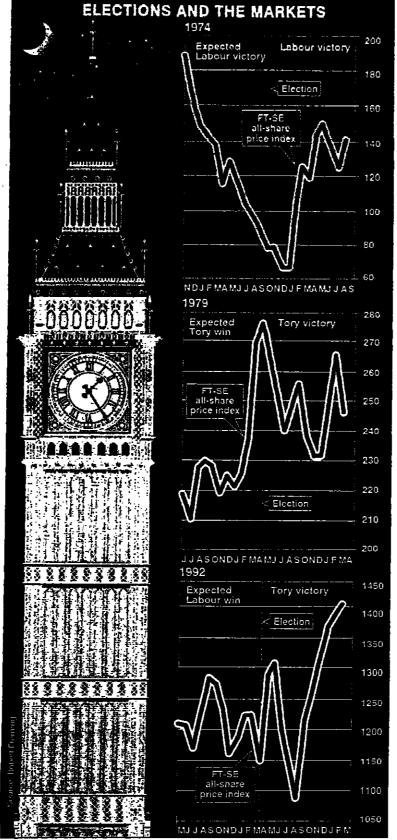
That the CBI's declaration happened to coincide with a successful address to its conference last autumn by Mr Blair only served to deepen such suspicions, and led Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to insist openly that business had no business to sit on the fence politically.

CBI leaders are now trying to say that Mr Lang did not say that the CBI should take sides, only that companies should not, so it is worth reproducing exactly what he did say: "We have now before us an unprecedented opportunity for continued growth and prosperity," he told the CBI conference in Birmingham last November 14. "You cannot afford not to take sides. Let us continue to work together, we in Government and you in the CBI and in business, to make sure we seize that

Pretty clear stuff: but faced with such overt pressure, the CBI has refused to buckle, and is intent under Adair Turner, its Director-General, in maintaining political neutrality, even if that is proving a strain for its current president, Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, one of the Conservatives' favourite companies.

CBI insiders remain concerned that Sir Colin could still queer the pitch of political neutrality before an election, though at the confederation's business manifesto launch he was a model of political evenness. However, at the CBI's annual dinner in May, he managed, with an election due inside 12 months, to hope publicly that John Major would be the guest speaker as Prime Minister, two years hence.

Of course, such views reflect a widespread business sentiment. Just because business largely judges that Labour will win the forthcoming election, it doesn't mean that business wants Labour to win. It doesn't; but its best guess is that Labour will win. Privately, most business leaders accept that a Blair-led Labour government would be very far from the ravening beast that previous Labour administrations have been perceived as being. But balanced judgments such as these won't stop business leaders who



Hanson, Lord Sheppard and others — coming out and endorsing the Conservatives, as did 43 prominent business leaders from companies such as Tesco. Kinglisher, Taylor Woodrow, Dixons, Tarmac and BA, before the 1992 poll.

Many companies have either stopped making political donations to the Tories, or make them to Labour and the Liberal Democrats as well. Such overt political neutrality, while clearly viewed by some like Mr Lang to policy, too, according to the CBI.

. The CBI's document contains no specific pledge on political neutrality but it does suggest that key aspects of the running of the economy should move into that ground: "Ultimately, the management of macroeconomic policy must become politically uncontroversial. In an ideal world, election results would not affect the fundamental economic background against which business plans." Politicians,



John Major or Tony Blair: business is steering clear of a public endorsement

a hope unlikely to be realised. The graphic by Robert Fleming, drawn from an analysis of the perfor-

whose product is change, would reject

such an idea, and City analysis of the

markets and elections suggests that it is

mance of the markets around general elections over the past 30 years, details market performance at the last election, and the last two at which Labour and the Conservatives respectively won, and suggests that elections do have an impact on the economy.

The CBI's launch of its manifesto

may be a touch early. As Peter Warburton, of Robert Fleming, says: "Looking at past election periods, the market only takes the election seriously, and the possible change of govern-ment, when it is about three months away. Before that it tends to ignore it." But other business bodies are ready-

ing themselves to follow suit: the Institute of Directors, the British Chambers of Commerce, EEF, the engineering employers, the Institute of Management and the Industrial Society among others are busily drafting pre-election statements, which will present the main political parties with a clear agenda of business's political

Inevitably, all of them will be broadly similar. No business organisation is likely to be arguing that what business really needs is a good dose of wildly unstable macroeconomic policy. So what will be of close interest - to the political parties in particular - will be seeing how close, in nuance, language and tone, each business organisation comes to a particular political party, either on individual issues or, more importantly, in overall terms.

y this measure, the CBI's document is almost uncannily neutral: a quick count of its major recommendations shows four supporting key Conservative lines, four Labour and a clutch of eight backing policies common to both main parties. Given its free-market principles, the IoD is likely to be less so, especially on such key issues as EMU, to which the institute, though it has moved closer to the political and business mainstream, remains reso-

Europe is a key issue for Britain's managers, according to the Institute of Management's draft proposals, which emphasise "constructive engagement" with the EU by the UK Government. In their manifesto to come in mid-September, EEF leaders, along with the CBI, IoD, and most other business organisations, will reject Labour's plans to sign the European social chapter and to introduce a statutory

national minimum wage.
While none will be avowedly Conservative, the distance of many from key Conservative policies, and especially in marked. That may be because, according to his critics. Mr Blair has adopted management-speak jargon, with which business is comfortable. It may be, too, an insurance policy: having long ignored Labour, business does not much want to find itself on the wrong end of the argument when the election

merry-go-round stops. But it may well also be because business is increasingly judging that it is a Labour, rather than a Conservative government with which it will have to deal. Business judges that if the Tories do win again, even a Govern-ment refreshed by a further election victory will find it difficult to shake off its tiredness and fully reinvigorate itself. Acute business leaders think that may require a period in opposition, a bout of blood-letting and a new leader - and a hope that some solution to the fundamental fissure over Europe can

Business believes that however moderate a new Labour government, especially a New Labour government, would be, its election would mark a decisive break with the past two decades. In that sense, the importance of the forthcoming election cannot be overstated; and so business is probably far from wrong in firing its election starting-pistol now.

Thames Water's

record on leaks From Mr W. J. Alexander Sir, Your report "Thames top of leak table" (July 8) was

The figures quoted were not "new" but were published by Ofwat in May this year, based on statistics provided by Thames Water for 1995-96. This period included the driest summer on record and a very cold winter, which inevitably increased leakage. Other water companies re-

treme weather conditions. Last year we also improved the way we calculated leakage losses, which was noted in Ofwat's report as partially accounting for increases in

Thames Water's leakage rate. Thames Water is on target to meet its commitment to halve leakage by the year

2005. Yours faithfully W. J. ALEXANDER (Thames Water Group Managing Director).
Thames Water Utilities. Nugent House, Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire.

Former lord of the skies faces grim battle to keep up revival

Disaster could see TWA follow

Pan Am route, says Eric Reguly

and Pan Am were America's imperial airlines. They were the first to criss-cross the oceans, sending businessmen, politicians, soldiers and tourists to Europe's grand cities and the remotest outposts of Asia and Africa. They were the symbol of the brawn and arrogance of a flourishing post-war nation.

Although the name sur-

vives with a different airline, Pan Am. whose Key Westto-Havana flights in the late 1920s launched America's international service, is now gone. Its market share began to ebb in the 1960s and stiff competition, coupled with recessions and fuel crises, left it all but grounded by the mid-1980s,

Then came Lockerbie. A bomb destroyed the public's confidence in the airline's security systems. Pan Am's jets turned into flying echo chambers overnight.

Wednesday night's crash off Long Island of a TWA Boeing 747 carrying 229 passengers and crew has the

aviation industry wondering how much longer it can outlive its old rival. If the authorities find that the

loss was bomb, faulty maintenance or and tear from 25 of years hard ser-pasvice, — and TWA does not

have the strength to severe downtura. The tragedy is that

TWA seemed on the verge of staging a remarkable comeback after

surviving two bankruptcies since 1992. Only a few months ago, when TWA was celebrating the 50th anniversary of its first transatlantic flight, Jeffrey Erickson, president, an-nounced that the airline had posted an operating profit of \$25 million in 1995, its first since 1989. Plans were made to buy or lease new Boeings, and Erickson even contemplated a new equity offering to repay part of its \$1.2 billion debt.

TWA's fortunes more or less mirrored Pan Am's since the 1930s. Both airlines have rich heritages, ruled the air corridors for decades and went on to stage incredible shrinking acts in a desperate effort to survive. The carriers were gutted and TWA then had the misfor-tune of falling into the hands of Carl Icahn, Wall Street's last great gunslinger. Icahn had very little interest in running an airline, using it instead as a cash machine.

TWA was born Transcontinental and Western Air and was the property of Howard Hughes, the avia-

rans World Airlines tion-mad billionaire, from 1939 to 1966. The airline initially thrived under Hughes, who ensured it had the newest technology, including pressurised cabins and four-engined aircraft that could cross the Atlantic.

TWA and Pan Am began to feel the effects of competition in the 1960s - when every developing nation put a flag-carrier into the air and demanded US landing rights - but managed to keep their imperial pretences into the early 1970s, when they became the launch customers of the

jumbo 747. In spite of all the competition, soaring fuel prices and intransigent unions, TWA and Pan Am might have managed better in the 1970s and 1980s if they had overcome one glaring weakness - the lack of a substantial domestic system to feed their international routes. Pan Am had no domestic "hub". while TWA had a relatively small one in St Louis.

The three carriers with the most expansive hub net-

works -American. United and Delta were able to them the money to buy internates from the likes of Am and Eastern, another carrthat ier collapsed a Icahn, best to take over Texaco and Phillips Pespotted TWA in 1984. He

Hughes: airline thrived liked the

recognition value of its name and saw the chance to slash costs by squeezing the unions. The irony is that unions embraced Icahn; he was con-sidered preferable to Frank Lorenzo, the union-busting Texas Air chairman who also has his sights on TWA.

Icahn won the airline and took it private in 1988. He all but cancelled the aircraftreplacement programme and sold its valuable London routes to American for \$445 million. Cash flow and profits soared, but the good times did not last long. Starved of investment and clobbered by the recession and the Gulf War, TWA filed for Chapter II bankruptcy protection in 1991. It emerged partly owned by its employees in 1993. Last year, it went back into bankruptcy again and, equipped with a debt-for-equity agreement with its creditors, came out in fighting spirit.

Although the worst was over for the airline, and its management was optimis-tic. TWA was still living on the edge. The crash of the 747 into the Atlantic can only increase the chances that it will become another chapter in aviation history.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Board and shareholders need to know about 'illegal calls' from inside BA BA's high security premises, the British Airways censors

From Mr John Gorman Sir. Your coverage of the British Airways AGM (July 16 and 17) seems to imply that my intention in attending the meeting was to be disruptive and mischievous. Far from it. As a long-standing shareholder, who has loyally attended every AGM since privatisation I am frankly embarrassed to have to bring to the attention of my fellow shareholders and the board the fact that serious criminal activities continue to be perpetrated against

me. Of course, my fellow shareholders recall with acute embarrassment the notorious British Airways dirty tricks campaign against Richard Branson and Virgin Atlantic, when large sums of our money had to be paid over in settlement, and British Airways had to make a public apology in the High Court for its disgraceful behaviour.

Whilst I agree that these matters must, and will, be aired in yet another civil prosecution against British

Airways, I quite rightly point-ed out to Sir Colin Marshall and Robert Ayling that they are not above the law. The shareholders applauded in support of this statement. Sir Colin's rather limp response was that he could not control what calls were made from

However, when I offered to play taped evidence, con-firmed by British Telecom and the BBC, which proves that illegal threatening calls con-tinue to be made from inside

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swung into action and my

microphone was cut dead.

Yours faithflly.

Unfair to Siemens

From the Chief Executive of Siemens plc Sir, I should like to put the record straight on the claims and assumptions made in your Pennington column on

July 16. The figure of £200 million. which Siemens is reckoned to have received in "sweeteners" to build our new chip plant in North Tyneside, reflects the wild stab in the dark made by your newspaper last August at the level of government and other support we could expect durdent on market developments,

It appears that this figure has never been corrected in your archiving system, but I sug-gest it should be now to avoid further mistakes, as it is probably four times the potential level of support we could receive. I say potential because the total amount of support that we shall ultimately receive is entirely dependent on our meeting committed targets in terms of investment

levels and jobs created. As to our plans for the second module, we stated from the very outset that this module would always be depening the lifetime of the project. and the same still applies. money purchasing goods and

implication that we only came to the UK for the money, but now want some more, I should like, on the one hand, to restate that more money was on offer elsewhere, and, on the other, to remind you that Siemens already has 12 factories and some 12,000 employees in the UK, which, I think, is an indicator or our commitment to this country. Moreover, Siemens in the UK invested over £130 million of our own money in research and development last year, while Siemens overall spent over £1.1 billion of our own

Finally, in response to the services from British suppliers. To imply in your article that we have inflicted some sort of "hit-and-run mugging" on the British taxpayer, therefore, is deeply insulting both to our company and the Government, which has come so far in establishing the probusiness environment in the UK that has encouraged ours and so many other inward investments. Yours faithfully JÜRGEN GEHRELS, Siemens House.

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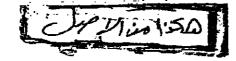
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Jury entitled to convict on

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Schedule 12 to the Criminal Law

Act 1977, the effect of which was

that even if the appellant did no

to kill his wife he was liable to be

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Council liable for unnecessary health work

Welton v North Cornwall District Council Before Lord Justice Rose, Lord Ward and Lord Justice Judge

[Judgment July 17] Where an environmental health officer negligently required the owner of food premises to undernecessary to secure compliance regulations made thereunder, and owner incurred substantial and unnecessary expenditure in executing the works, the local food

liable in damages for the economic loss sustained Having regard to the particular conduct complained of, the fact that the relationship between the parties arose out of the purported exercise of statutory functions afforded no reason why the local authority should not be liable in a case which otherwise fell within common law principles of duty of

authority was under a common

law duty of care to the owner and

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by North Cornwall District Council against the award by Judge Anthony Thompson, QC, at Truro County Court on January 26, 1995, of damages of £39,522 to the plaintiffs. Victoria Florence Welton and David John Welton, for economic loss caused by the negligence of Brian Evans. an environmental health officer employed by the local authority.

Mr Roderick Denyer, OC and Mr Peter Wadsley for the local authority; Mr Philip Mott. QC and Mr Christopher Kemp for the

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the appeal raised interesting estions as to whether, and if so in what circumstances, a duty of in respect of its environmental health officers when they were

In re Saidur Rahman

Before Mr Justice Collins

When hearing an application for

habeas corpus in a deportation

case a court could see all the

evidence that the Secretary of State

for the Home Department had

used as the basis of his decision to

deport even if it was hearsay.

although it was for the court to

decide what weight to accord to it.

Oueen's Bench Division refusing

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ings undertaken by the Home

The applicant, who had been

born in Bangladesh, obtained a

certificate of entitlement to join a

man he had claimed to he his father. Abdus Somed, in England

and thereafter became a British

The secretary of state, acting on

nunciatory letters, obtained evi-

dence from entry clearance officers

Bangladesh through interpreters.

The evidence suggested that the applicant was not Abdus Somed's

Mr Justice Collins so held in the

[Judgment June 26]

The plaintiffs run a farm as a In October 1990 the environmental health officer arrived, unsolicited and unannounced, to inspect the

The premises had been accorded a three crowns rating by the West Country Tourist Board following inspection in late 1990, but the r had a different view. He set out 13 requirements to be met to comply with the law involving unnecessary substantial building orks and major alterations to the kitchen and he threatened to close down the business if the requirements were not met.

in consequence, wholly unnecessary and extensive expen-diture was incurred for which the judge awarded damages. It was agreed that if the judge was right to award damages the appropriate sum should be £34,000.

The plaintiffs undertook the works as a result of the pressure exerted by the officer. He knew that what he said would be relied on by the plaintiffs without independent inquiry and he visited to inspect and approve the works being carried out. He never set out the requirements in writing.

The relevant legislation was the Food Act 1984, which applied until the end of 1990 and, from January , 1991, the Food Safety Act 1990. Under both Acts the local authority had power to enforce the legislative provisions in relation to food tygiene by summary prosecution, obtaining closure orders. including emergency closure or-

Mr Denver submitted that an environmental health officer acr-ing on behalf of a local authority exercised a police or quasi-police function and that as a matter of policy no action should lie: see Hill v Chief Constable of West York-shire ([1989] AC 53) and, although he accepted that liability would lie where there was some form of assumption of responsibility, he submitted that the officer in the

Deportation court can see

all evidence used

even if it is hearsay

obtained his certificate of residence

in England by deception. He was

served with a notice of illegal entry

and detained under paragraph 16

of Schedule 2 to the Immigration

Mr Michael Shrimpton for the

MR JUSTICE COLLINS said

applicant; Mr Mark Shaw for the

clearance officers was contained in

affidavits and that evidence, Mr

indeed, double hearsay, as it had

been given through interpreters. It

was not suggested that the entry

clearance officers understood the

dialects of the villagers who had

But there was great force in the

bmissions made by Mr Shaw

that the court in that particular

kind of case had a fact-finding role

If the matter had been pursued

judicial review then, prima ie, the court could take account

of material properly forming the

basis of the secretary of state's

If Mr Shrimpton were correct

then the court would be precluded

and was still reviewing the sec-retary of state's decision.

secretary of state.

been interviewed.

sibility to act merely bona fide and

He further submitted that, in the light of Caparo Industries plc v Dickman ([1990] 2 AC 605), it was impose a duty of care when an environmental health officer was exercising a statutory responsibility in the interest of public

Finally, he submitted that the present case did not come within the principle in Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd ([1964] AC 465). The particulars of neg-ligence amounted to no more than an allegation that the officer got the law wrong and there was no assumption of responsibility.

Mr Mott submitted that the circumstances gave rise to a duty of care within Hedley Byrne and that no new incremental head of liability for carelessly performed statutory duty arose

The authorities did not suggest that the principles in Hedley Byrne were inapplicable merely because a relationship arose as a cona required of a statutory function; and that going beyond what was statutorily required could give rise to assumption of responsibility.

In his Lordship's judgment, the authorities concerning the police and Crown Prosecution Service were not determinative of the present case because there was no true analogy. Furthermore, the policy consid-

erations identified in those cases did not arise unless what was contemplated was an incremental extension in accordance with

In any event, in relation both to the police and the CPS there was exception to the principle that no duty was owed where, in relation to the particular plaintiff, responsibility had been assumed. On a proper analysis of the including Hedley Byrne and Henderson v Merrett Syndicates Ltd ([1995] 2 AC 145),

from relying on some of the

material that the secretary of state.

had relied on. That suggested that

material put before the court ought

to include all the material that was

the Home Department: Khawaja v Same ([1984] AC 74) made it clear that the distinction between ju-

dicial review and habeas corpus

Mr Shrimpton was unhappy

with that case which sought to

amalgamate habeas corpus and

cally and still today habeas corpus

was a very useful weapon against

any attempts to restrict the liberty

It was wholly right and proper

that the court should look at any

material that was available to the

secretary of state. It was for the court to decide what weight to

His Lordship was satisfied that

it was proven to the requisite standard that the applicant was not the son of Abdus Somed and

did obtain the certificate by

Solicitors: Saf Awan, Luton;

the individual in an

was not one of substance.

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Treasury Solicitor.

Khera v Secretary of State for

before the secretary of state.

care within the ambit of the Hedley Byrne principle was unassailable. His unchallenged findings of fact included reliance by the plaintiffs on the officer and knowledge of

such reliance on the officer's part. Accordingly, there was within Hedley Byrne, as subsequently responsibility by the officer and hence a duty of care owed by him.

A final question arose was whether the existence of a statutory duty provided any ground for excluding from the ambit of a Hedley Byrne duty a relationship derived from the exercise of statutory powers and duties. When considering the impact of

statutory duty on the relationship in the present case there were at least three categories of conduct to which the existence of the local authority's statutory enforcement duties might have given rise. First, there might be conduct specifically directed to statutory enforcement, such as the institu-

tion of proceedings, the service of improvement notices and the otaining of closure orders. Such conduct, even if careless, would only give rise to common law liability if the circumstances were such as to raise a duty of care at common law and such a duty was not raised if it was inconsis-

tent with or had a tendency to

discourage due performance of the statutory duty. Second, there was the offering of an advisory service: in so far as that was merely part and parcel of the local authority's system for discharging its statutory duties, liability would be excluded so as

not to impede the due performance But in so far as it went beyond that, the advisory service was capable of giving rise to a duty of care; and the fact that the service was offered by reason of the

statutory duty was immaterial. Third, there was conduct such as that in the present case, namely the ments enforced by threat of closure and close supervision.

The existence of the local authority's statutory powers and duties afforded no reason why they should not be liable at common law for the third type of conduct by their servant, which was otherwise well within the Hedley Byrne

If it was material to consider policy and what was fair, just and reasonable, which his Lordship doubted, those consideration could not lead to any conclusion other than that conduct in the third category gave rise to a duty at common law.

LORD JUSTICE WARD, concurring in the result, said that while, in a case falling within the Hadley Byrne principle, there was no need to embark on any furtherinquiry whether it was fair, just and reasonable to impose liability for economic loss, the fact re-mained that the officer was purporting to carry out the local authority's statutory function. It was inevitable, therefore, that questions of policy, and fairness, justice and reasonableness did arise in that connection.

The officer in the present case was acting both outside the powers of the Act and also outside the informal enforcement practice of the local authority.

In the scale and detail of the directions he gave and the degree of control he exerted, he conducted himself in a manner which was exceptional. Those circumstances nade the case special to its own

Fairness, reasonableness and justice and all the material aspects of policy inextricably wrapped in those concepts led his Lordship to uphold the duty of care imposed upon the local authority in the particular case.

Lord Justice Judge delivered a udgment concurring with Lord Justice Rose.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Stephens & Scown, Truro: Frank & Callin, Truro.

June 21, in setting aside an order

dated June 6, 1996, made in

Colchester County Court by Dis-

trict Judge Bazley on the ex parte

application of the respondent, Fo-

cus Insurance Co Ltd (in liqui-

dation), whereby he ordered that

pursuant to section 303(1) of the

Insolvency Act 1986" the relevant

period for the purposes of section

279 of that Act should cease to run

Act does not confer

power on court

facts or conclusions which are Regina v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex parte Dickson

Before Lord Justice Rose, Lord

Regina v Giannetto

Maurice Kay

[Judgmeni June 28]

couraged the killing.

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr

Justice Laws and .Mr Justice

A jury was entitled to convict a defendant of murder if all the

jurors were satisfied that if he was

not the killer he at least en-

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of

Robert Vincent Giannetto against

his conviction on October 30, 1995

Mr J. C. T. Barton, OC, who did

Bullock, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appel-lant; Mr Paul Chadd, QC and Mr

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY.

giving the judgment of the court, said that it was the prosecution

case that the defendant had either

murdered his wife himself or got

it was submitted on appeal that

the trial judge erred in law when he failed to direct the jury that they

must be unanimous as to which of

the two competing versions of events put forward by the Crown

The proposition that a jury must all find each essential element in

an offence to be proved was not

someone else to do it.

they accepted.

Martin Meeke for the Crown.

Rougier and a jury) of murder.

Bristol Crown Court (Mr Justice

[Judgment July 1]

in refusing an oral hearing to an compensation because of his criminal convictions.

Paragraph 24 of the 1990 Scheme provides: "An applicant will be entitled to an oral hearing only if - ... (c) no award or a reduced award was made and there is a dispute as to the material facts or conclusions upon which the ... decision was based ... If it is

made no difference to the .. decision, or that for any other reason an oral hearing would serve no useful purpose, the application for a hearing will be refused."

Mr Michael Kent, QC, for the board; Mr David A. Blake for the

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that between May 1984 and May 1992 the applicant was convicted of offences of being drunk and disorderly, dishonesty, burglary, with excess alcohol, assault, including assaults on police constables, and threatening

and details of those offences. The applicant sought, and was subsequently granted reduced compensation in respect of a second attack in March 1992.

The board official rejected the first application under paragraph b(l) of the scheme stating that an award was inappropriate by reason of his character as shown by his criminal convictions.

The applicant requested an oral hearing, asserting that his convic-tions were mostly for minor offences, the last occurring 12 months before and that he was seeking employment and attempt ing to go straight.

The board refused the applica-

Ministry is not liable over

judge had not erred in his direction. contentious: see R v Brown (Kevin) But in the context of the present case the decision in Brown seemed merely to raise the question as to

There were two cardinal principles: (i) the jury must be agreed upon the basis on which found a defendant guilty; (ii) a defendant must know what case he had to meet.

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isfied that in the circumstances the

Where the Crown alleged that on the evidence the defendant must have committed the offence either as principal or as secondary offender, and made it equally clear that they could not say which, the basis on which the jury had to be unanimous was that the defendant having the necessary mens rea, hy whatever means caused the result which was criminalised by the law.

The Crown was not required to specify the means, because the legal definition of the crime did not require it, and the defendant knew perfectly well what case he had to

Of course if, as would often be the case, the Crown nailed their colours to a particular mast, their case would, generally, have to be established in the terms in which it

was put. This judgment should give no encouragement to prosecutors casting round for alternative possibilities where the essential evidence did not show a clear case

against a defendant. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Criminal injuries applicant not entitled to oral hearing

Justice Ward and Lord Justice

The Criminal Injuries Compensa-tion Board did not act unlawfully applicant who was refused

In disputing the degree to which the applicant's character and previous convictions should be taken into account in assessing compensation, rather than disputing the fact of the convictions themselves, the applicant was disputing the decision of the board and not a material fact or conclusion which would entitle him to an oral hearing under paragraph 24(c) of the Criminal Injuries sation Scheme 1990 (Cmd

The Court of Appeal, Civil Division. so held, Lord Justice Ward dissenting, allowing an ap-peal by the board against the decision of Mr Justice Carnwath) The Times December 20, 1995) quashing the board's decision on January 19, 1994 to refuse the applicant. Richard Dickson, an oral hearing following an officer's refusal of compensation on the ground of the applicant's character as shown by his previous criminal

disputed were resolved in the applicant's favour it would have

applicant.

On August 28, 1992, three months after his last conviction for assault and while he was on probation, he was assaulted and robbed. He applied for compensa-tion for his injuries. The board was supplied with details of the circumstances of the attack, a list of the applicant's previous convictions,

tion under paragraph 24(c) based

Mr Justice Carnwath had concluded that the board's decision was flawed because the process for an oral hearing was not limited to cases where the raw facts were in dispute and extended to value judgments as to the significance or weight to be given to particular facts in reaching the overall

In The Petition of Scott Young (unreported, August 9, 1995, Court of Session, Outer House) Lard Gill

considered a similar case and said: "The references in paragraph 24(c) to "material facts" and to conclusions are references, in my view, to the primary facts and to the conclusions of a factual nature which fall to be drawn from such primary facts...

The convictions constituted the material facts on which the de-cision was based. The petitioner did not dispute those material facts. He disputed the decision

That approach was consistent. with the views in R v Criminal parte Cook (1996) 2 All ER 144). lecided after Mr Justice Carnwath's judgment in the present case, and represented a correct and valuable analysis of the proper construction of paragraph 24(c) of the scheme.

A proper construction of paragraph 24 required a distinction to be maintained between the conclusions and the decision. The target of the applicant's attack was the decision not to make an award. That did not entitle him to an oral hearino.

Lord Justice Rose agreed and Lord Justice Ward delivered a dissenting judgment.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Harding, Manchester

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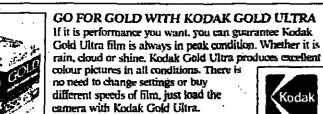
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an application for suspension of a bankrupt's discharge. Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division on Concept of

fault not

Hardy v Focus Insurance Co

Neither section 303(1) nor (2) of the

Insolvency Act 1986 could be used

to give the court jurisdiction or

power to give directions to the

Official Receiver as to the perfor-mance of his public law function of

(in Liquidation)

imported Regina v Marsh

The words "owing to the driving of the vehicle, an accident occurred by which injury was caused to any person" in section 12A(2)(b) of the Theft Act 1968 did not import a requirement of fault in the driving of the vehicle.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy. Mr Justice Laws and Mr Justice Maurice Kay) so stated on June 20, when dismissing the appeal of William Marsh against his conviction on September 5, 1995 at Preston Crown Court (Miss Recorder L. Newton) of aggravated vehicle taking contrary to section IZA of the 1968 Act, on a plea of guilty following a prelimi-

nary ruling on a point of law. MR JUSTICE LAWS said that the judge ruled that the appellant was guilty of the offence if he had committed the basic offence of taking a car without consent and thereafter an accident occurred by which injury was caused to any person, whether or not he was m

any way to blame for the accident. In this case an accident had occurred in which a pedestrian was injured, but the Crown had not relied on any evidence of fault in the appellant's driving. Applying the ordinary canons of statutory construction it was

impossible to say that the words of section 12A(2)(b) imported a requirement of fault in the driving.
The ordinary meaning of the words was simple and pointed to a ent of fault in the driving requirement of a causal connection accident. No word suggesting fault appeared. The judge had con-struct the subsection correctly

Welfare of 2434 paramount In re P (a Minor) (Abduction)

Where a child was abducted to England from a country which was not a party to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, incorporated into English law by section I of and Schedule I to the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, the English court, in considering whether or not the child ld be ordered to be returned to the country where she habitually resided, should give paramount consideration to the overall welfare of the child.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Rose, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Judge) so held on June 24 when allowing a mother's appeal against the decision of Mr Justice Stuart-White granting the father's application for an order that his daughter, P, who had been abducted to England by her mother, should be returned to

Bombay, India. LORD JUSTICE WARD said that the judge had wrongly considered himself bound to apply the spirit of the convention in a nonconvention case, and concluded, applying by analogy article 13, that he should order the child's return unless the mother established to a high degree of satisfaction that the child would thereby be exposed to a grave risk of physical or psycho-

logical harm.

The authorities stated that in a non-convention case the welfare of the child was the only consideration that governed the courts. To elevate article 13 into some test was to fly in the face of those

diseased imported animals Gaisford and Another v Min- and Julia Gaisford, trading as istry of Agriculture Fisheries

|Judgmen: June 2S| Before Mr David Barker, QC Where imported animals were found by their purchasers to be suffering from disease, the Min-istry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food did not owe them a duty of care to discover the presence of that disease between importation

and Food

and release from quarantic Mr David Barker, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when, sitting at Milton Keynes, he gave judgment for the ministry on a preliminary issue as to whether such duty of care was owed to the

the original importer.

plaintiffs; Mr Peter Roth for the HIS LORDSHIP said that al-

defendants seemingly total control over animal imports, including place and period of quarantine and were invariably sent to post-import isolation at premises arranged by

Bucks Farmgate Produce, who had purchased the diseased goats from Mr Stephen Waine for the

though section 10 of the Animal Health Act 1981, together with secondary legislation, gave the the importer and which were not run by the ministry, merely ap-proved by it; nor had the ministry's veterinary officials been retained by the plaintiffs to check or advise

on the animals' condition. That was far from the total control envisaged by Yuen Kun Yeu v Attorney-General of Hong Kong [[1988] 1 AC 175]. Furthermore, the proximity test

in Caparo ple v Dickman (1990) 2 AC 605) was not satisfied in that the plaintiffs were not identifiable as subsequent purchasers.

Although it was foresocable that they as owners of the diseased goals would suffer loss, their real complaint was that the animals were not fit for the purpose for

which they were sold. That was a contractual claim of liability which should be pursued against the importer and vendor of Solicitors: Horwood & James.

Aylesbury: Solicitor, MAFF. Home Secretary has wide discretion in setting tariff

for the Home Department. Ex parte Causabon-Vincent Before Lord Justice Russell and

[Judgment July 9] The Secretary of State for the Home Department had a wide discretion in setting a prisoner's tartf and was entitled if not bound to have regard to a number of considerations outside the scape of the sentencing process.

The Oucen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an application for judicial review by Robert Causabon-Vincent, a convicted murderer serving a man-datory life sentence, of a decision by the Home Secretary in a letter of October 2, 1995 that he should serve 18 years in prison to satisfy the requirements of retribution

The applicant and one co-defendant, Parsons, were convicted of murder. Another co-defendant, Dunhar, was acquitted of murder and convicted of manslauhter That verdict was later quashed on Mr Timothy Owen

Turner for the secretary of state.

said that the case raised a short but In reviewing the decision of the secretary of state the court consid-ered that the starting point must be

to ascertain his true role when he made his decision on the tariff. It was identified by Lord Mustill it was identified by Lord Mustill in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Dondy [1944] 1 AC 531, 558, In R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Pierson [1996] 1 All ER 837, 849; Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, after referring to Ex parte Doody said: But the Hume Secretary's function is not an orsholder.

retary's function is not an orthodox wntending function." Their Lordships were abun-dantly satisfied that the secretary of state's function, while in some respects akin to judicial sentencing was not to be equated with it. The fundamental difference in their Lordships' view was that when the secretary of state came on the scene the life sentence had already been imposed. The secretary of state's function was to come to a decision upon the tariff in respect of which wider considerations than those which presuited in the sentencing process might be and usually were

Causabon-Vincent: Mr James of importance. Mr Owen, while acknowledging LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, that there were some differences between the two functions, judicial giving the judgment of the court,

and administrative, nevertheless ing process of the secretary of state was subject to constraints which assumed great importance in the present case.

In a sentence, Mr Owen conended that the Home Secretary could not go behind the verdict of the jury in the criminal trial nor come to a conclusion which was inconsistent with or contradicted molications.

That constraint, he submitted. was present despite the views of the trial judge and, even if, as in the present case, the judge took the that the verdict was a retverse one.

In developing that theme, Mr Owen relied upon the original verdict returned in *Dunbar* case. It was, he submitted, of no moment that in order to attack the tariff decided in Causabon-Vincent's case, reference was being made not to the verdict against him but to a verdict involving a co-defendant.

Dunbar was acquired of murder and should have been acquitted of manslaughter. The irresisuble inference to be derived from the verdicts, so the argument went, was that there could not have been, in the view of the jury, a contract killing.

Had there been one. Dunbar

kiyal to the jury verdict

would inevitably have been convicted of murder. The secretary of state, therefore, was not entitled as a matter of law or logic to take a contrary view, as he plainly did-even if supported by the trial judge

and the Lord Chief Justice. In their Lordships' judgment, that fundamental submission was uself futally flawed. From time immemorial the sanctity of the jury's deliberations in a criminal trial had been protected and the masses he which a time prached in process by which a jury reached its verdict could very rarely be an

In the present case there was certainly more than one con-ceivable explanation for the jury's acquittal of Dunbar, Mr Turner submitted that the jury might well have been sure that both male defendants were parties to a con-trage killing while, in the individual case of Dunbar, the requisite standard of proof was not

That was a phenomenon sometimes encountered in conspiracy trials: A might be convicted of conspiring with B and C while B might be acquitted of conspiring with A and C. There was nothing inconsistent in such verdicts. In the sentencing exercise of the trial judge if was true that he must

although in terms of individual

culpability he might give effect to his own assessment of an individ-

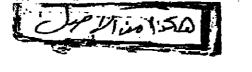
In their Lordships judgment, such was not the case when the secretary of state fixed the tariff. Because of the difference between the two functions the secretary of state was entitled, and indeed their Lordships would have thought, bound to have regard to a number of crossday and a second to a number of considerations outside the scope

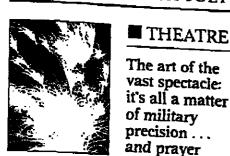
of the sentencing process. The secretary of state's decision was essentially a policy decision. It must be fair to the convicted but it should also reflect, perhaps to a greater extent than the judicial noess, the views of the public at large and, in their Lordships opinion, as a relevant consid-

eration, the views of the trial judge and of the Lord Chief Justice. Although not apparent in the inviant case the secretary of state might also have regard to events subsequent to the trial or material not adduced in evidence during the

Their Lordships took the view that the secretary of state had a very wide discretion. Provided his decision did not breach the requirements of fairness, their Lordships considered that the courts should not interfere.

Solicitors: Barry Culshaw. Bitterne: Treasury Solicitor.





THEATRE 1 The art of the vast spectacle:



THEATRE 2

Hey, let's do a Jane Austen right here! The King's Head gives Emma the informal treatment

the balconies."

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MUSIC

Alban Berg's songs are performed by Glyndebourne's new Lulu, Christine Schäfer



TOMORROW

How will London's new nude musical, Voyeurz, compare with the fleshy wonders of Oh! Calcutta?

RECITAL

The last word

International Songmakers Wigmore Hall

THE theme of the first and last songs of composers from Beethoven to Berg inspired Graham Johnson as deviser, commentator and pianist to eloquence worthy of Jaques in his Seven Ages of Man, when International Songmakers returned to the Wigmore Hall on Wednesday.

The German soprano and mezzo, Christine Schäfer and Stella Doufexis, and the young Icelandic baritone Finnur Bjarnason, helped Johnson relate an affectionate pilgrim's progress. He minced no words about Beethoven's first songs. Der Küss, accusing the composer of boorishness in the coarse little ditty boldly sung by Bjarnason. And then came the last, visionary song, the Abendlied unterm gestirnten Himmel, with Schäfer's soprano and Johnson's piano-play-ing recreating Beethoven's own starry night.

On to Schubert's first (Der

Jungling am Bache) and Mendelssohn's first and last: Der Verlassene (Abandoned), written when he was 12, and the Altdeutsches Frühlingslied only days before his death.

On through Brahms and Wolf to Debussy, whose first song was a waltz for a coloratura mistress, ably reincarnated in Schäfer, and to Reynaldo Hahn, who at 13 composed Si mes vers avaient des ailes and probably never wrote a better song: Doufexis was velvet to Schäfer's wild silk.

Faurė's Je me suis embarque showed Bjarnason well at ease in the French idiom, while his performance of Shostakovich's final Michelangelo setting, Immortality. found the weight to balance the starry piano-writing of a tune the composer ote when he was nine

After the interval Schäfer. Glyndebourne's own Lulu, focused on the early songs of Alban Berg. Johnson's read-ings from Berg's love letters to his wife, apostrophising her art and her voice, would have been enough to make any soprano feel inadequate. But Schäfer was more than equal to her task, and Doufexis and Bjarnason enjoyed their own darker songs, Winter. Regen and the final Grabschrift.

HILARY FINCH | absolutely useless. Ask me to

As the Olympics open, Andy Lavender learns how to throw a world-class party

The big bang theorists

f. late tonight, you tune in organise the largest children's to the opening ceremony of the 1996 Olympics in party in the world, with 180,000 underprivileged child-Atlanta, you will watch one of the biggest live shows ever staged. The creative types at Don Mischer Productions, ren, a million portions of food and the longest sausage on Earth and I'm really quite good." That was in 1985, and who are organising the whole jamboree, are jealously guarding their secrets, but you can expect massed choirs, drumming from 100 percussionists and Jessye Norman singing Altius, Citius, Fortius ("Higher, Faster, Stronger for those who have forgotten their Latin).

But these are said to be mere fragments of a mega-show, the staging of which involves more than 9.000 people. World records will be broken even before the sporting business begins.
It is not only in America that

sions to you and

thing. England, too, has its expo-6The great nents of the huge extravaganza. rule is: and they work in different dimen-

if it's easy to do, it's not worth

me. When they ay "fireworks in the garden", they mean hundreds of pyrotechnics doing? choreographed to music at Buckingham Palace. When they casually mention a

wedding anniversary next year, a modest affair at Ascot "flying visit", they are generally referring to an aerobatic exhibition by the Red Arrows. involving more than 1,000 horses. It is difficult to know whether this will prove less Given the precision with which such spectaculars must taxing than the celebration he staged for King Husain of Jordan, featuring 100 camels. be organised, it seems appro-priate that one of Britain's leading producers in this field Let us turn, however, to should be a former Army more demotic entertainments. officer. Major Michael Parker

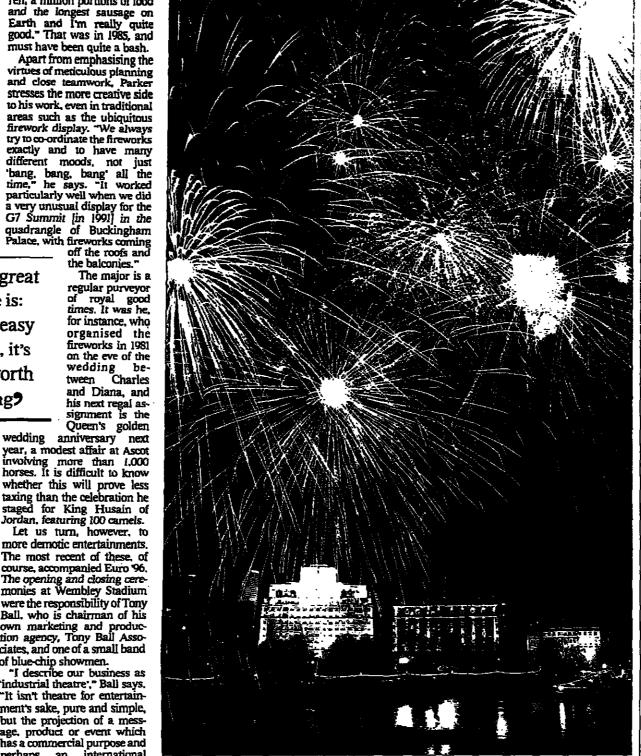
The most recent of these, of course, accompanied Euro 96. The opening and closing cerekeeps in touch with his first career by producing the Royal Tournament, but that must be monies at Wembley Stadium were the responsibility of Tony a breeze compared with last year's magnum opus: the VE-Day celebrations at Hyde Ball, who is chairman of his own marketing and production agency, Tony Ball Asso-Park and Buckingham Palace. Consider that Parker had at ciates, and one of a small band his disposal more than 40 acres of parkland; that the of blue-chip showmen.

"I describe our business as 'industrial theatre'," Ball says. participants over the three days included tri-service "It isn't theatre for entertainmassed bands, free-fall parament's sake, pure and simple, but the projection of a messchutists, a barbershop chorus age, product or event which of 100, a male voice choir of 3,000 and a flypast of vintage has a commercial purpose and aircraft with, as a final trifle, a perhaps an international huge firework and laser disimportance. play. To complicate matters, With Euro 96 we were

there were 57 heads of state to playing to an audience of more than 400 million people. If it "Somehow I find it easier to goes wrong, it goes wrong in a do things on a grand scale," big way. It's very scary, but very exciting."

Ball and his colleagues de-Parker says. "Ask me to organise a parish fête and I'd be

vised an opening ceremony with a narrative of sorts, moving from a medieval set-ting in which St George slew the Dragon, to a history of the development of football, to a high-tech finale. Parachutists landed on the Wembley turf bearing the flags of the participating nations, Mick Hucknall sang the Euro 96 anthem (or dirge, depending on your view), We're In This Together. and the Red Arrows flew above the stadium releasing red, white and blue smoke.



Lighting the sky: fireworks must be more than "just 'bang, bang, bang' all the time"

You might think that this is roast beef and dumplings compared with, say, the opening and closing ceremonies at the Barcelona Olympics, fond-ly remembered for their imaginative panache. Nevertheless, you cannot deny that the logistics of such an opera-

tion are daunting.
"We had to liaise with the civil aviation authorities, Brent Council, the police, the broadcasters and Wembley Stadium," Ball says, "and coordinate everything in a time schedule which would run to the second. And we had contingencies ready in case, say, the cloud level wouldn't allow the parachutists to come in, or if it rained and the orchestra couldn't appear, or if there had been a crowd problem outside the ground."

The next huge celebration comes in the shape of the millennium festivities in three years' time, which are being organised by the design con-sultancy Imagination. "We believe the most important thing is never to forget the Big Idea," says Ralph Ardill, the company's marketing director. In this instance the notion of time provides the central

a Big Strategy. "We want to create a programme of regional activi-ties," Ardill explains, culminating with the millennium celebrations on the

theme, and is accompanied by

Greenwich peninsula, that give the country an opportunity to participate rather than merely spectate."

It remains to be seen how this will be achieved, but those who enjoy painting on the largest possible canvas are already preparing their brushes. Do such massive public entertainments constitute an art, however, or are they merely an exercise in

military-style organisation?

The great rule is: if it's easy to do, it's not worth doing," Parker says. "Unless it's vast, it's not going to capture people's imaginations. And if you're 100 per cent certain it's going to work, you must be doing the wrong thing."

LONDON THEATRE

Haven't we seen this one before?

JANE AUSTEN Industries plc cranks on, and on and on. turning out products that merge in my mind into Northanger Sensibility, or Prejudice Abbey, or Pride and Persuasion Park. At least Michael Fry's production of his own adaptation of Emma has an amiable, informal feel, in keeping with the atmo-sphere of the King's Head.

The prevailing style is signalled right away. Three Regency belles, decked out in Jennifer Ehle designer dresses, dance onstage and proclaim their wish to put on a play. But what shall it be? The Rivals, or Austen's own Sir Charles Grandison? No, they just happen to have three copies of Emma and, before you can say Colin Firth, they have not only started narrating the book's opening lines but have been joined by two Regency bucks who already know everything thought or said by Messrs Knightley, Elton, Weston et al.

In the programme Fry describes this as "a distancing device", though I cannot see why he needs one. It comes across more as an excuse for an ad-hoc set and a lot of jokey doubling, trebling and, in one case, quadrupling. Fortunately, this last case happens to be Katherine Fry, who has undeniable comic gifts. One minute she is Emma Woodhouse's friend Harriet Smith, naively boggling from beneath a wig sired by a rooster on a haystack, and the next she is the awful arriviste Mrs Elton, donating words like "ba-rouche landau" and "Maple

King's Head

Grove" to the conversation in the manner of Lady Bountiful endowing an almshouse.

Either you know the story already, or I will risk spoiling your enjoyment of the five movies, three mini-series, two operas, and one ballet-on-ice about to be based on Austen's original. Enough to say that Clara Salaman makes a pleasant heroine; Jonathan Chesterman's Elton comes across as a dim. bouncing cieric escaped from the musical By Jeeves: and Antony Edridge has the emotional and physical weight for Mr Moral Reproach, aka Knightley.

Five performers are not quite enough: which is why cloth-faced dolls occasionally appear and why Mr Wood-house is played sometimes by Sally Mortemore in a blanker and sometimes by a large broom. Either way, one of Austen's most entertaining characters goes missing, as does his most celebrated line. "an egg boiled very soft is not unwholesome". Or did I fail to hear this in the narrative fizz of a production so quick-fire that the already mysterious Jane Fairfax is inscrutably said, not to be parentless, but to "have been unfortunate pants"? Lucky, isn't it, that Jane Austen heroines always carry a third pair in reserve.

BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

Situations vacant

THE Channel Four Sitcom Festival continues with another trio of half-hour pilot shows, potential television series being tested on live audiences. Sporadically tickling but hardly side-splitting, this week's threesome sees the funny side of cut-throat family businesses and farcically inefficient offices.

Last Legs, by Paul Shearer and Lenny Barker, is a kind of spoof Dallas set Up North. Jack Pike (William Gaunt) is a Yorkshire tycoon. Chewing on his cigar and belching, he is ruthlessly diddling his prissily pin-striped heirs. Meanwhile, his eldest son (Robert Bathurst) is secretly mastermind-ing a takeover bid.

There are flashes of hilarity. but the script seems strapped for jokes and William Burdett-Coutts's cast are not

fully galvanised. The Magnificent Andersons, by David Upsher and Diana Fox, has more potential, picking up on a married couple who hope to make it as a double-act on the comedy circuit but are biting each other's heads off at home. Andy Riley and Kevin Cecil hit on a satirically promising

Channel Four Sitcom Festival Riverside Studios

scenario in Bleeding Hearts, set in the communal offices of a charity organisation inappropriately called Action Now. Eluned Hawkins's hopelessly democratic manager offers to phone the trustees to complain about herself whenever she almost takes a decision.

Meanwhile, Sarah the teenage volunteer throws militant tantrums. Bathurst, as Alan the lecherous aid worker, drapes himself hopefully across the women's desks. But the storyline feels incoherent, and the acting is up and down.

Really, the fun of this festival. when the scripts aren't quite up to scratch, is seeing an ensemble of established actors tackling the whole season, and being prepared to stand up in front of an audience when still feeling their way into sketchily-written characters.

KATE BASSETT



NATIONAL

GALLERY

Late Opening at the National Gallery

THEATRE IN IRELAND New tack for old salt

GALWAY'S Macnas troupe originally developed its unique, loud and physical performance style for outdoor shows and parades. In recent years, however, the company has attempted to move in-doors, finding a way to blend spectacular floats and costumes with more complex theatrical storytelling.

The latest stage in this journey undercover is Rhymes from the Ancient Mariner, the inaugural production in Galway's brand new performance space. The venue should suit Macnas' style well. There is no stage in the hangar-like building - just plenty of space, enough for an indoor parade, complete with two bands and a tiny armada of floats.

Even with Coleridge as scriptwriter of the proto-environmentalist text, Rhymes opts against relying too heavily on the spoken word, instead investing most of its energy in these immense set pieces, tightly choreographed movement and live music.

Rod Goodall, the director. translates the original poem's framing device, a wedding, to a rowdy nuptial celebration in the west of Ireland, complete with a despotic father-of-the-

Rhymes from the **Ancient Mariner** Black Box, Galway

time Lonnie Donegan covers. Macnas use the chaotic wedding scenario as a launchpad for some dynamic interac-tion with the audience. Not until the bride and groom and their guests have arrived, bumping and dancing their way through the audience. does the Ancient Mariner show up, dropped from high above in a diving helmet, bang in the centre of the wedding

As he begins to unburden himself to the father-of-thebride, a curtain opens to reveal the full extent of the theatre and the set. The audience promenades through islands and iceflows, catches sight of a pool of writhing, luminous slime and an orchestra perched on top of a mountain, moves along a thronged quayside and scram-bles to avoid the advancing

bows of a sailing ship.

Soon the Mariner and his crew are sailing the Southern seas of the auditorium, getting bride and a beer-bellied skiffle caught in living ice — great transparent shards filled with

howling actors - and eventually siting the cursed albatross (trapeze artist Zoe Maistre, dancing high above the crowd

in a white jumpsuit).

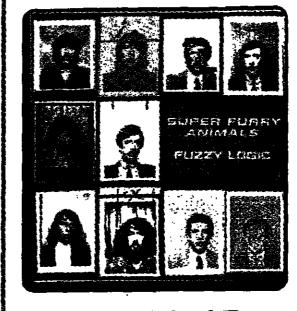
With activity on this grand style, performances, and vocal performances in particular, have apparently suffered a lack of attention. The cast interact boisterously with the audience on an individual level, but when isolated on the show's various moving stages they instantly becomes stiffer and less engaging.

Most of the drama is conducted in a broad, pantomime style. Nevertheless, more inspiring verse recitations would certainly have added force to the production. As it was, the lines hissed by the Mariner (Midie Corcoran), were far too flimsy. At this wedding feast, the trimmings are undeniably more enjoyable than the main dish.

It is only when the Mariner has finally completed his rime, and the wedding band has reappeared, that the production picks up speed again. Precious energy returns, but only as the happy couple run from the building, where a waiting Morris Minor speeds them into the Corrib sunset.

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BBC PROMS 96: The annual Henry Wood Promenade Concerts are upon u once again, and the 102nd season opens with Haydn's oration The Creation (torught, 7.30pm). Andrew Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestre and Chorus, with Juliane Banse, soprano. Hans Peter Blochwitz, larnor, and Wolfgang Schöne, bentonte. On Saturday (8pm). Benfand Hattink conducts the Royal Opera House Orchestra and Chorus in an Italian version of Verdi's appc Don Carlos.

Orchestra and Chorus in an Italian version of Verdi's epic Don Carlos, Sylve Vedayre, Olga Borodine and Omitri Hvorostovsky are among the soloists. Well's jazz-influenced The Silver Lake (Sunday, 7.30pm) brings he first weekend to a close; performed by the London Sintonette under Marius Streuz, Surg in Garman Albert Hell, Kersangton Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) Tonight-Sun.

HAPPY BURTHDAY: Sir Foward Health celebrates his 80th birthday by conducting the English Chamber Orchestra in Weber's Oberon ove

conducting the Engine Invalida-Orchestra in Weber's Oberon overture, Dellus's exocative Summer Night on the River, Mozant's Plano Concerto No 17 and Schubert'a magical Fifth Symphony The evening ends with Handel/Hery's Water Muser and a spectacular fireworks disply Engineed Lukeajde, Hampstead

Lane, NW3 (0171-413 1443) Tomorrow

THE RED BALLOON: Anthony Clark's

IN BY JEEVES Delightful musical creation by Alan Aychbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20

years ago, now entirely revised.

Dutice of York's, St Martin's Lane, WI (0171-836 5122). Mon-Set, 7 45pm,

mats Wed and Set, 3pm 👸

CHOICE 1

Andrew Davis conducts Haydn's Creation to open the Proms VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall, and on BBC2

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

1960s French film. Already seen in Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham, it now comes floating into London, Ruan Murchison creates a lovely set. Mational Theatre (Diver), South Bank, SE 1 (0171-828) 2252). Previews begin tomorrow, John and 7pm. Then at rep.

BUCTON: A limited number of tickets remain for a co-production by Opera Northern Instant and the Lyric Theatre Belfast, of John Says satirical The Begger's Opera (tonight, 7.30pm; Sunday, 2.30pm). On Saturday

Sunday, 2.30pm), On Saturday (7.30pm), the Opera Theather Company, Dubin, step Amadigi, Handel's magic opera House, Water Street (01296 72190), Tonight-Sunday.

CHESTER: This eventing's concert (Grovenor Park, Born) by the "soprano in red", Letting Garrett, is a cell-out, but there may be slim chance of returns Tickets are selling last, too, for the BBC Phillhamment concert on Saturday

Philinammente concert on saturcay (Chester Cathedral, April). The conductor Yan Pescal Torteler leads the orchestra in Mendelssohn's Plano Concerto No 2 (soloist Leon McCawley).

THEATRE GUIDE

ELSEWHERE

npiled by Gillian Maxey



CHOICE 2

Lesley Garrett brings a touch of glamour to the arias in Chester VENUE: Tonight in Grosvenor Park

Schumann's Manifed overture and Berioz's Symphonic Fentastique. Festival box office (01244 341 200).

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STRATFORD UPON AVON: Joseph
Fennes and Victoria Hamilton play the
title notes in lan Judge's production of
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Tony Randall play the two divorced
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Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1
(0171-930 8800), Mon-Frt, Bpm; Set
8,15pm; mets Thurs, 3pm and Set,
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☐ RAIN SNAKES: Feedinating play, set in Hens Christian Andersen's Copenhagen, exploring the emotional costs of ambition. Strong performances by Sian Thomas, Jason Moret, Robert David MacDonald Last week.

Young Vie, 68 The Cut, SE1 (D171-928 6363). Toright and lornorrow, 7.45pm.

☐ ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES:

LONG RUNNERS

Elinde Lang, George Costigen and Paul J. Medford in an enjoyable sung-through musical woven from the songs of Rendy Newman. Chris, Bond directs Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW8 (9171-328 1000), Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until August 10.

Dominion (0171-416 6060).

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POP

A small change of direction for the Black Crowes on their new Three Snakes and One Charm



POP 2

Music or mush? As Toni Braxton soars to dizzy heights of fame, her material gets worse

David Sinclair hears the Black Crowes lighten up and fly straight at the charts

Reasons to be cheerful (partly)

MUNDY To You I Bestow

(Epic 099766 346229) MUNDY, a 21-year-old singer and songwriter from Birr, County Offaly, is the latest in a steady stream of Irish musical exports, and his new single is a heartfelt folk-rock song per-formed with that stirring sense of mission so typical of that country's performers. '

"My love for you is better than diamonds/To you everything I bestow," he promises in a brogue that recalls the troubadour style of Mike Scott, while the band conjures up a suitably windswept backdrop with shimmering electric and acoustic guitars and a distant harmonica riding a firm uptempo beat. A thunderous roll of tomtoms brings the song to a mighty climax.

BLACK CROWES Three Snakes and

One Charm (American/BMG 74321 38484) **BUFFETED** by internal strife and no doubt chastened by the comparatively modest sales of their previous offering, Amorica, the Black Crowes have rung a few changes on Three Snakes and One Charm, their fourth album. For whereas Amorica was a gloriously uncompromising celebration of the big riff, harnessed to a variety of boneshaking funk-rock grooves, Three Snakes is a much more considered affair. There are still plenty of bumpy, stop-start chord sequences, and singer Chris Robinson continues to croak. yell and splutter his way through numbers such as the Sly Stone-influenced (Only) Halfway To Everywhere like a dog baying at the moon. But there is a lighter touch as well, such as on the reflective Bring

On, Bring On and the acous-

tic Retter When You're Not

Alone, the latter being barely

recognisable as a Black

Crowes song. And even on the

rootsy strut of Under a Moun-

tain or the chunky prog-rock

riffing of Nebakanezer, the

nines and choruses have been

Basically, this is the Black Crowes' pop album. But, although a broadly enjoyable collection, in striving a little too self-consciously for mainstream appeal it lacks the driven quality of its

NICOLETTE Let No-One Live Rent Free In Your Head (Talkin Loud/ Mercury 532 634)

BEST known for her association with Massive Attack, with whom she has recorded and toured, Nicolette picks up the threads of a fitful solo career with Let No-One Live Rent Free In Your Head.

In keeping with its title, the album has a studied air of post-trip hop weirdness about it. Strange electronic sound effects vie with smatterings of brass on We Never Know. while a skittish jungle drum rhythm pushes the rubbery jazz melody of *Song for* Europe along in a breathless. minimalist rush.

By the time it gets to Nightmare, in which Nicolette's sighing, kittenish whisper is enveloped by a swirling mess of noise that sounds as if it was concocted in a cement mixer, the novelty is wearing as thin as the musical content.

There has been a lot of this stuff flying around in the wake of Portishead's groundbreaking album, Dummy, with artists from Moloko and Morcheeba to Ingrid Schroeder all trying to outdo each other in the mysterious, otherworldly stakes. But this is too contrived to stand out from the crowd.

TONI BRAXTON

Secrets (LaFace/Arista 73008-26020) HAVING sold ten million copies of her debut album,

Cheer up, dear old Black Crowes, there are much worse things to be than successful the dizzy heights of success inhabited by that select breed Secrets is a collection of modern soul and swingbeat loveof pop divas on first-name songs arranged in various shades of slow. Some, such as her current hit, You're Makin' Me High, are mildly seductive, and there is a dark twist to Talking in his Sleep that

terms with the world. Like Whitney and Mariah, Toni has a tremendous singing technique, her vocal signature being a lovely, rounded tone that often drops to a deep. sensual growl. But there seems to be something about artists who breathe the thin oxygen at that rarefied level that turns their music to mush.

Produced and written in large part by Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, with

Toni Braxton is approaching and R. Kelly among others, PAUL BLACK AND King Dollar

> elevates it above the stylised sweet-talk that is otherwise the But the album suffers from

preponderance of slushy ballads such as There's No Me Without You and Find Me A Man with such abjectly submissive lyrics that you feel her next step should be to sign up for a course in self-assertion.

THE FLIP KINGS

{House Of Blues 0010-87009} A BOTTLENECK guitarist and blues shouter from Baraboo, Wisconsin, Paul Black has worked with masters of the art from Mike Bloomfield to Sonny Landreth. King Dollar, his debut album with the Flip Kings. reflects an abiding fondness for the songs of Robert Johnson, with re-tooled versions of Malted Milk, Honeymoon Blues and Dead Shrimp Blues alongside Black's own songs in a swampy, Southern barband vein.

Black's guitar playing is a joy, his tone rough and raucous yet gleaming like cut glass, and the harmonica playing of Andy Linderman is no less impressive. But like so many practitioners of this venerable music, they lack an original angle, and the inclusion of two Rolling Stones songs. The Last Time and Factory Girl. rather detracts from the authenticity of the

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CURRENT

(i) THE MEMORY OF WATER: Terry Johnson directs a play by new author

Shelagh Stephenson and among the squabbles that follow a mother's funeral, though she still appears in the play. The cast includes Mary Jo Randle and

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L) NORTHANGER ABBET: Sarah Jane Holm plays Jane Austen's young tan of the Gothic shock-horror romance. Matthew Francis directs a pleasing adaptation Greenwitch, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; met Sat, 2.30pm Unitl August 17. (a)

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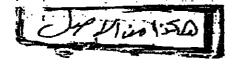
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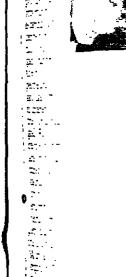
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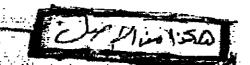
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If Glastonbury is the peach of

pop festivals, last weekend's T-in-the-Park must be the pits

There is a general misinformation deal going on with festivals. Promoted as a thrilling rock n'roll rollercoaster ride full of camaraderie. good vibes, exotic cuisine and bands all playing as if it's the last night at Woodstock, they turn out to be fields full of drunken future convicts spoiling for a fight: gut-rot in a bun, and bands like Kula Shaker playing their one hit and unreasonably expecting applause for do-

Within three hours of arriving at the festival, disappointment begins to set in. Your life hasn't changed and there isn't a decent band on until tomorrow. The mark of a good festival is whether things improve

after this point. Glastonbury, the most perfectly formed festival on this earth, provides ample opportunities for escaping festival on: fields full of naked pagans standing on their heads; people dressed as sausages trying

CAITLIN MORAN

to interest you in the worshipping of the sun god Ra: lots of relaxed people with purple hair who are more than happy to direct you to the nearest sacred toilet. The organisation is well-oiled and all encompassing without ever being obtrusive, and one gets the general feeling that one is a treasured guest of Michael Eavis, the organiser. This feeling is compounded by hearing indulged in dangerous, mind-bending drugs and remain, hidden in trees, after the festival has ended. Eavis coaxes them down and keeps them as guests at his farmhouse for a few days, before finding out their addresses and driving them home.

I can't imagine the same

thing happening with the organisers of last weekend's T-in-the-Park festival in Scotland. I rather suspect that if one was a personal house guest of the organisers of T-in-the-Park, one would be charged a supplement every time they made you a cup of tea. I imagine this being the case

if you were their child and it was your birthday. T-in-the-Park is a two-day investment opportunity held in the open air in Hamilton, near Glasgow, at which bands happen to play. I have never before attended a concert with audiences in excess of 60,000 where no large video screens were provided. With crowds of that size, the majority of the audience is about 200 yards away from the stage. When you have spent three weeks' wages on attending the whole event. you expect to see some small part of what's going on. Even with Jarvis Cocker, who is around eight feet tall, it was like watching a singing Crimplene flea circus through the wrong end

of a telescope. Secondly, it was a little disturbing to see children of eight and nine with sponsors Tennants "T" logos painted on to their faces by resident face-painters. It became tasteless when one

spent any time at all outside the festival area. 2,000 ticketless punters drinking Buckfast tonic wine; some try-ing to snatch tickets from those who had them; groping female security staff.

and instigating constant little with riot-shielded Watching endless streams of unconscious drunks being stretchered to ambulances, beneath billowing, 50ft Tennants "T" flags, was one of those jokes

without any humour.

The scariest thing of all, though, in a fraught two days, was the unter lack of co-ordination between the festival site and the main camping area. The two were lined with police cars, to prevent drunken campers crossing the road to get to bed. The correct and official way back to the tents was by festival bus. However, transport arrangements were so poor that queues were more than a mile long for the buses; campers were falling asleep while standing in line. One can only imagine what it would have been like on a cold, rainy

night. Even cattle don't get treated like cattle these days: after all the BSE scares they are now in centrally heated barns with en suite fields. being fed fresh vegetables and given proper psycho-logical counselling before their slaughter. At T-in-the-Park, though, the cattle had their wallets briskly emptied and their faces painted with bright red "T"s before being left to fend for themselves.





Into the melting pot: Afro Celt Sound System produce a unique and exciting blend of the musics of Senegal, Ireland and a Breton druid harpist

On the global village green

Times described it as a "courageous endeavour" but the debts were huge. Gabriel was forced to reform Genesis for a one-off concert to cover Womad's losses.

Despite the early problems, the two men had a clear, if naive, vision. Gabriel says: We wanted to allow different audiences to gain an insight into cultures other than their own. Music is a universal language, it draws people proves the stupidity of racism."

ture. Womad stages about a dozen festivals a year around rooman admits that the world and has taken its they were amateurs. message of musical edecticism "We were devouring all these new sounds in the way that a 13-year-old to more than 40 countries. Thomas Brooman, its visiondiscovers pop music. It was ary artistic director, who has been with Womad since the our enthusiasm for the music outset, now spends his time trawling the globe for fresh that made us want to share it with as wide an audience as venues and new artists. He is

Today the organisation is still small - just nine full-time staff working from Gabriel's Old Mill complex at Box in Wiltshire. But Brooman be-lieves that Womad plays a vital role in the face of the commercial cynicism of the modern music industry. "We are providing an accessible and lively platform so that people can come without prejudice to see and listen and get

If this sounds grand, it was not always so. When Gabriel a broader perspective on music in the world." and Brooman organised the first Womad at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, with the drum-mers of Burundi, Echo and the Brooman is particularly proud of the educational pro-gramme, financed partly by a Bunnymen, the Chieftains and some Chinese dancers, they

had a budget of £3,000. The for Racial Equality. Womad is registered as an educational charity and has published a series of books with Heinemann, Britain's largest educational publisher, as well as putting on a range of concerts and other activities in the classroom, highlighting music far removed from the Western classical tradition. We have really made a mark on how music is taught in Britain. In 1982. Somerset schools sem our packs back in the belief we were subversives lur ing them into some devil's

and Afro-dub DJs.

ed from the Middle East

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were appearing on curriculum lists as required reading." Yet it is the live festival which remains at the heart of Womad. "At its best we transport people outside the usual house of culture to a temporary, surreal village," Broo-man says. The global village which hits Reading today promises to be no exception. Some of the biggest names in world music are appearing, including Thomas Mapfumo from Zimbabwe and Jamai-

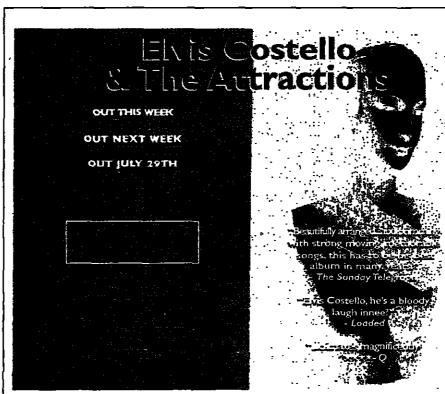
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ca's Mighty Diamonds. Yet paradoxically the biggest impact this year is likely to come from performers closer to home. The festival has booked a range of British musicians who are spearheading a rediscovery of their own heritage, intermingling tradi-tional folk idioms with world influences to produce something unlikely and often excitingly new and wild. Shooglenfor example, are an

Europe. As a result, he says, "the kora and the Celtic harp, the African talking drum and the bodhran essentially seem to talk the same language". Gathering together Senegalese musicians from Baaba Maal's band, traditional Irish Edinburgh band who add contemporary dance beats to Scottish jigs and reels, while from Wales come Hen Wlad Fy Mamau, integrating Celtic traditions with Asian rappers Most intriguing of all is Afro Celt Sound System, whose producer, Simon Emmerson, believes that the Celts migrat-

exponents of instruments such as the uillean pipes and a Breton druid harpist, Emmerson has mixed the ancient with modern jungle, ambient and trip-hop beats to produce an unlikely but marvellous collaboration which sums up the spirit of Womad - eclectic, eccentric, anarchic but endlessly fascinating and welcome antidote to the indulgences and excesses of the rest of the music business. ● Womad takes place at Rivermead, Reading, from today until Sunday. Tickets for the weekend cost E50. Tel: 0118-939 0930.

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THE King label tends to get overlooked in the history of rock. Perhaps it is because it was based in unfashionable Cincinnati or the fact that few of its huge roster of rhythm and blues, gospel and country stars (except James Brown) ever crossed over to become big sellers. Yet, as a new four-CD release, The King R&B Box Set (King KBSCD-7002) proves, its influence was as great as that of Chess in Chicago or the New Yorkbased Atlantic label.

Records such as Earl Bostic's Flamingo, Wynonie Harris's Good Rockin' Tonight and Lonnie Johnson's Tomorrow Night were all huge R&B hits while others such as Fever by Little Willie John, Sonny Thompson's I'll Drown In My Own Tears and Dedicated To The One I Love by the 5 Royales became big successes for Peggy Lee, Ray Charles and the Mamas and Papas respectively.

The label managed to survive into the 1960s with the help of James Brown, but its best years were behind it. With most of Brown's soul and funk material already available, this set concentrates on the label's R&B heritage. But missing are contributions from Johnny Otis or Jimmy Witherspoon.

King did not have it all its own way. Decca was able to compete with artists such as

the ground-breaking Louis

BLUES ALBUMS

Jordan and Savoy Ballroom favourite Buddy Johnson, whose early hits are included on Walk Em — The Decca Sessions (Ace CDCHD623). The band was able to turn itself from swing outfit into fully-fledged R&B unit with the help of numbers such as Fine Brown Frame. That's The Stuff You Gotta Watch and the outstanding ballad by Buddy's sister Ella, Since I Fell For You.

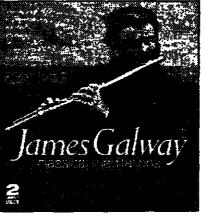
A wider view of that post-war period which saw the death of swing and the birth of R&B is provided by the double CD set Roots of Rhythm & Blues 1939-1945 (Frémeaux & Associés FA050). It starts with Jordan and Joe Liggins, before taking in Dinah Washington, Big Joe Turner, Hot Lips Page and the guitar-playing Sister Rosetta Tharpe.

There is a welcome return for an unusual bluesman in the shape of Out Of Control by Sonny Rhodes (King Snake KS-031). Unusual in that he is one of the few bluesmen to wear a turban or play a steel guitar on his lap - country style. The turban may add a touch of sartorial flair, but it is the lap steel which brings a new dimension to numbers like the Pickin' Your Bones or the brassy Out of Control.

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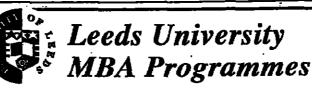
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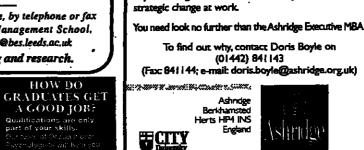
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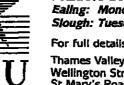
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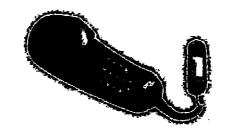
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EDUCATION

Duncan Baxter says the modular exam structure is undermining the traditional sixth-form ethos

Time to save our sixth-forms

-level standards are likely to be back under the microscope next month if, as predicted, the pass rate continues to rise in line with the growing popularity of modular

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However, it is not just the shape of the A level which has been changed by the modular approach. but the nature of the whole sixth-Each September i tell every year

group who are about to embark on their A-level courses that as well as developing the skilfs and know-its ledge they will need for higher education, they should view the coming two years as a time when their values and beliefs will start to take shape; beliefs and feelings that will stay with them for ever. These ideas will come from the general studies programme and through participation in the debate and cultural life which should pervade the sixth-form years.

Their ideas will be argued over and tested in the cut and thrust of life in the sixth-form common room, and by visits to the cinema and theatre, and to lectures.

I tell them that the sixth-formers set the tone for the whole school. If they are intellectually curious, selfdisciplined in their study and take up the opportunities open to them at school, the rest of the school will follow their lead.

And so to examinations. We all look back with fond memories to our A-level study and recall the joy of the public examination-free lower sixth year. It was wonderful to be able to read, discuss and think widely, knowing it was still possible to do well later, in our examinations.

No one now would condone the oldfashioned end-loaded examinations, where cramming during the final weeks or months for O or A level ruled. Thus the advent of coursework, which spread the load, offered opportunities to practise and test other skills, and gave those who did not perform well in end-loaded examinations a chance to shine. It was more work, but we all felt it was worthwhile.

The old adage that "pupils like continuous assessment, but do not like being assessed continuously" comes to mind; the modular approach had arrived.

In addition to increasing choice and diversity through the mixing of modules both inter and intra subjects, this approach was thought to encourage steady work

throughout the course and to provide continuing motivation and stimulation. The first of these advantages is true, although, in practice, not much "mixing and matching" has been done; more, we find differences between subjects highlighted; in some subjects it is not possible to reach the equivalent of A-level standard after one year.

ficult to divide into segments, because one's understanding of, say, Hamlet changes over two years. This creates an unnatural divide between arts and sciences that does not enhance our ability to broaden A-level study by "mixing and

The arts and humanities are dif-

matching". What of motivation? Well, yes, some students like to have a list of modules to tick off, and it can aid the structure of their time for them. Equally, for many students it exacerbates rather than alleviates

the concept of trial by examination. Modular examinations can also wreck the corporate life of the sixth form. It seems that someone is always in a panic about examina-tions. We have, perhaps, lost the collective pace, the shared shape of the sixth-form course, where there is the mutual understanding and support of everyone engaged in



Lower sixth-former Giulia Cherchi in a biology class at the author's school, Kingston Grammar

trial examinations together, who then generate their own atmosphere when working towards the real thing.

The stop-go modular approach means that the non-modular subjects have to endure interruption to their teaching programmes as stu-dents inevitably concentrate on the subject to be examined, and co-curricular activities have the fate at

several times over two years that the second half of the final summer term has traditionally seen.

The modular approach is not the only factor in changing the habits of young minds. The soundbite culture has also affected more than just the way politicians think and speak; it has had a profound impact on the ability of students to focus for any length of time. It is a

Susan Elkin says that for children, going to the theatre should not be regarded as a luxury

common complaint that the concentration span of the young is shorter than it used to be. I always advise GCSE and A-level candidates to use "blocks" of time in their re-

vision programmes so their minds and bodies are used to sitting still in one place for the equivalent time of an examination session - no getting up to make another cup of coffee or to put on another CD.

Surely, something must encourage learning as a commitment to rigorous but enjoyable study in detail, leading to a grand finale?

increasingly, all educational institutions are being regarded as glorified supermarkets where items are chosen from the subjects likely to yield high grades. The sense of true academy will be lost if we are all engaged in an individual pursuit of custom-built education. What price the camaraderie of everyone aiming for shared goals within a common time frame in an atmosphere conducive to co-operation and the smooth running of a school, where a broad approach to learning should involve time spent in pursuing excellence in music drama, sport; myriad physical and cultural endeavours?

The brave new world of academic disciplines filleted into bite-sized chunks, whose credit can be transferred over a long period of time, is one solution for higher education or adult or continuing education or third-age education and for enabling the long-awaited opportunity to mix academic and vocational courses. But should we be thinking about allowing our school pupils to enjoy the fruits of community endeavour and the time to enjoy a balanced education. which will surely create the civilised leaders of the future?

Should we give more thought to what, precisely, a modular ap-proach in school says about the nature of learning and the community of learners?

• The author is Headmaster of Kingston Grammar School, Kingston upon

Who is fuelling fear of school?

There is no

link to suicide, says George

Turnbull

thildLine told us recently that 79 per cent of ✓ 1.022 school students involved with examinations were worried about them. Nothing unusual in that. But it also said further research revealed suicidal tendencies in

If that didn't strike fear into at least some of the overwhelming majority of students who are not unduly concerned about their exams or schoolwork, then the Samaritans surely will - if, as last year, their spin doctors try to link suicides to exams when the Alevel and GCSE results are published in August.

With an estimated two million students taking a mindboggling II million separate national school examinations each year, one must question the marketing and promotional ethics of these estimable

charities. There is no evidence to link suicide with school examinations. The Samaritans certainly couldn't provide any last year when I asked them, and the ChildLine press information mentions only one at-tempted suicide. One too many, of course, but out of millions of students involved with examinations and schoolwork, it is hardly damning. Indeed, in all but one of the



The vast majority of children cope well with exams

case studies given in the ChildLine press release, the problem was clearly one of parental pressure. Eliminate exams and schoolwork from the equation and the parents would still be there.

Bullying alone accounted for 76 per cent of the 17,004 calls to ChildLine about school worries in 1994-1995. But only 1.5 per cent of the young people counselled in that period had predominantly school problems (covering all aspects of school life except builying). So why was the impression given that 79 per cent of young people were seriously worried about schoolwork and exams nationally, when the real figure - from ChildLine's own records — is at most fewer than 1.5 per cent of those who

are actually counselled? Evidence exists, however, to link high-profile suicide publicity with increased incidence of the act. We could, of course, ignore this fact. Ignorance may be bliss, but it doesn't solve problems. Education and a positive attitude can.

Twenty years ago the transition from primary to second-ary school was traditionally fraught with fear, insecurity and uncertainty. Education, understanding and early visits to the new school helped to take the drama out of what was then a crisis.

But a new and artificially manufactured crisis is emerging, in which students are led to believe that examinations and schoolwork are inextricably linked with suicide and stress. Fear is being instilled through the dramatic portrayal of the severely negative. atypical experiences of the few.

If the results next month are better than last year's, the critics will again claim a drop in standards. The students can't win. And their loss is now to be compounded as 'stress" and "suicide" are marketed like any other commodity. It seems the "cause" is far more important to some than the effect on others.

● The author is spokesman for the Associated Examining Board and Southern Examining Group few years ago I attend- their own neighbourhood

A ed an especially de-lightful performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream on a balmy summer evening in Regent's Park. In the front row with her parents and grandparents was an enchanted child, maybe eight years old. It was obviously a birthday treat because in the interval, the adults produced a cake Wimbledon the other day. and lit candles for her to blow

out. The dreamy, transported look on that child's face spoke imaginative magic of theatre. and she occupies a permanent place in my memory. We tend to forget, in these

clinical days of lum attainment Children targets, the strict routine of timeneed time to tabled days and the mind-deadenexplore the ing external "entertainment" of world of television, video and computer fantasy

ren need time and space to explore the world of the imagination as well. As the old Punch cartoon had it: "Sometimes I sits and thinks, and then again I just sits". Modern children seem to get almost no time for

games, that child-

either sitting or thinking. On the one hand many parents regiment and organise their children's lives into closely supervised, structured activities — sport, music lesson, clubs — for every waking minute of every day. "Time is something to be filled! every minute must be killed", as Betjeman observed satirically. At the other extreme are those parents whose children seem to bring themselves up with so little adult intervention that they are trapped within the unimaginative insularity of culture.

Of course I polarise to make a point, but it's worrying how few parents seem to strike a happy medium. It was therefore a joy to see so many children happily exercising their imagination in the relaxed and charming atmosphere of the Polka Theatre in

The Polka is the only children's theatre in London. To step inside its doors is to enter primary colours, activity and vibrance. Big window displays in the foyer illustrate fairy stories and past productions.

As well as a garden for picnics, there is an attractive café for families. A softfloored open-air playground in a pretty, leafily shaded courtyard lies through another door. Lots of children were ex-

citedly tumbling about in the Wendy house and on the slide while they waited for 20m and the time to go into the theatre and sit down.

We were there to see Three Cheers for Mrs Butler, a musical play based on the poems and characters of Allan Ahlberg, adapted by Vicky Ireland and with music by Colin Matthews. And what fun it was. Mrs Butler's primary school class goes through everything which primary school children know

about and think about The interaction is beautifully presented, from the Welsh headmaster who reiterates: "In this school we work hard and play hard", to the teacher who seems more concerned about lost scissors than miss



Dystin Johnson in Three Cheers for Mrs Butler

Of course children can bene-

fit from all sorts of theatre. It

doesn't have to be a play or

children. Witness that child at

Regent's Park. The important

thing is that theatre should

never be allowed to become a

establishment dedicated

ing children, the hamster which keeps escaping from its cage, the child who can only read slowly and the one who misbehaves because he wants someone to notice him.

The five to 11-year-old children in the audience were spellbound -- by the story, the music and the magic of the-

Polka has two theatre spaces - the larger one with conventional tip-up seating, where these older children watched Three Cheers for Mrs Butler. and a cosier, less formal space with plays for three to five-year-olds. Polka relies on sponsorship for its several productions each year, many of which are also performed in schools and community

centres. Three Cheers for Mrs Butler is sponsored by Flik Flak. The same company has financed the "First-timer Project" which will enable 1,200 children who, for financial reasons, have never been to a theatre perfor-mance, to come to Polka this about other people and, crucially, about themsleves. The

chance to embark on the sort of imaginative journey which theatre provides is a critical part of every child's development. Plays take you away from where you are. They challenge without threatening. Characters do and say things which unshackle thoughts. That, presumably, is why the Puritans closed the the

bolt-on extra — a luxury item - for the privileged few, on the periphery of a chillingly func-

in a theatre: about the world,

tional education system. Children can learn so much

atres during the Commonwealth in the mid 17th century. Freedom of thought was not on the agenda. Theatre was also censored in the Soviet Union. Theatre is powerful. Surely we want our children to experience and grow through

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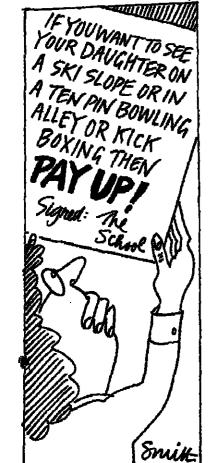
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y 13-year-old daughter was at home for three days this week. She should, of course, have been at school. She was not ill, just saving herself from being the object of discussion and humiliation. As her mother I supported her in her request to be allowed to stay at home.

This week, at her school in Kent, was "Arts Week" when for three days no formal study took place. The pupils could choose various activities in which to participate - one morning, one afternoon for two days and then a compulsory day trip for the last day.

These activities have to be paid for and it is here that the problems arise. We are all aware that unemployment is high and that income in many homes is only sufficient to meet necessities. As the mother of four children, all attending school, I face these problems on a regular basis.

The cost of "Arts Week" could be in

the region of £20. This is a large amount of money to be found from a family budget where there may be one or two wage-earners, but could be impossible to find where there is no wage-earner at all.
Schools will tell us that it is

much for many households, says a parent impossible for them to fund every

child for an activity or school trip. I appreciate that this is the case, but the letters that are sent home from schools do not help.

The schools commonly state that if there is no parental contribution then events and trips will have to be cancelled, "Contribution" is the key word. Most letters will state "... in order that this visit/event may take place a contribution of EXX is required". The letters also state that "no child will be excluded because of inability to pay. Please see your form tutor in confidence to discuss the situation." We now have parents being placed in a degrading situation. Why should THEY have to go, cap in hand, to discuss their personal situation and

Our school went one better than asking for a parental contribution this year. A letter came home listing the activities available for my 13-year-old daughter. Kick-boxing, swimming, animation, modelling. Indian cultural day, board games, field games, tenpin bowling and dry-slope skiing. Beside each activity was the cost - not even a mention of "contribution".

else. The "or else" was the problem for my daughter. She, as a vulnerable 13year-old, actually had the courage to approach a member of staff to explain that we could not afford the amounts required. Humiliating enough, you might think, but worse was to come. She was then told that nothing could be done to help her. If you cannot pay, then you have to stay in school with pupils from another year and take part in normal lessons.

Demands for money are constantly being made by schools. The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Assoannually.

It was a classic case of pay up or

ciations estimated earlier this week that parents are subsiding their children's education by £1.3 billion Three of my four children came

home with letters in one week. The

first came from my nine-year-old

daughter — a trip to Chatham Historic Dockyard. The dockyard is only ten miles away but the cost was £6.50. Two days later my 13-year-old came home with a proposed visit to Rochester Castle and Cathedral, at a cost of £4.50. The final straw came two days later from my eldest son, studying his GCSEs. He was also expected to go to the Dockyard. The same journey of ten miles but a cost of E8. A total expenditure of £19. School visits are more frequent than

ever. No parent wants to be seen as impeding their child's education, no matter what difficulties they may be facing. So they worry themselves senseless and scrimp and save in order to pay. My 13-year-old daughter will return

to school today with a letter stating that she was ill - a lie, we know. As her mother I am prepared to lie to save her and her family from any further embarrassment. Roll on the day when government ministers, LEAs, school governors and head teachers realise that parents are not a never-ending source of money.

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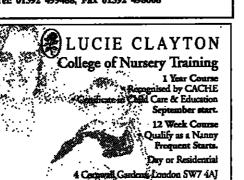
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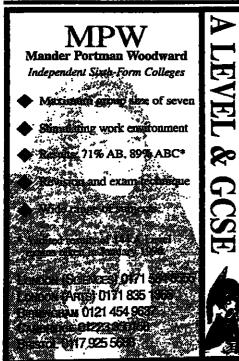
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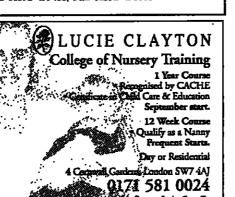
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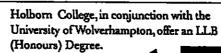
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Leicestershire toil as Smith's efforts swing the balance

CHELTENHAM (first day of only 27 overs, Still, they will four; Leicestershire won the toss): Leicestershire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 168 runs ahead of Gloucestershire.

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THERE is seldom a dull day at the Cheltenham festival but this was taking tradition too far. The bowlers were so dominant and the batsmen so impotent that those expecting a day in the marquees on Saturday, let alone Monday. are likely to find there is nothing left to watch. By then, in all probability. Leicestershire will lead the county championship.

None of this scenario seemed likely as lunchtime approached with one wicket www and batting looking entirely straightforward. From 78 for one, Leicestershire stumbled to 159 all out, a total that required rapid re-evaluation as Gloucestershire were dismissed for a meagre 71 in

not regard their cause as hopeless, for they took five more wickets before the end of a remarkable day.

The College pitch was routinely referred to the Test and County Cricket Board, automatic procedure when upwards of 15 wickets fall on an opening day, but the surface was not the villain of the piece. its bounce was true and less steep than of recent years. The ball did not move off the scam. The truth is that these sides bowl with considerably more

skill and sense than they bat. The stumps were hir only once and the eight leg-before dismissals were a result of swing, obtained notably by Mike Smith, or of batting misjudgments. There were plenty of these claiming responsibility for the four slip catches unerringly and acrobatically taken by Phil Simmons as Gloucestershire demonstrated graphically

Left-arm specialists enjoy day of havoc

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ALAN MULLALLY has done little wrong since he got into the England team, but his challengers for the left-arm fast bowling position issued reminders yesterday that they remain very much in contention.

While Paul Taylor was causing havoc at Northampton and Mike Smith enjoying himself at Leicestershire's expense. Mark flott, of Essex, with four for 31, was helping Ronnie Irani to bowl out Nottinghamshire for 97 at Chelmsford, Irani's figures of five for 27 were his best for the county, but it was Ilott who removed Tim Robinson, the only batsman to offer serious

resistance. Then Simon Brown, the country's leading wicket-taker, struck three telling blows in nine testing overs for Durham, who reduced Worcestershire to 39 for four at New

tailenders had been bowled out for 240. Maintaining the left-arm theme was Brendon Julian, the Australian, who took four wickets in 12 balls for Surrey

at Guildford where Sussex,

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with one wicket left, need two runs to avoid following on. The bat ruled at Old Trafford, where Jason Gallian scored an unbeaten 178 of Lancashire's 334 for two against Derbyshire, who made a good start when

Atherton scoreless. South Africa A gained the opening first-class victory of their tour by beat Glamorgan by an innings and 44 runs inside two days. Kallis and Klusener each took four wickets in the Glamorgan first innings and, when they fol-lowed on, Paul Adams nipped through the middle order.

why they have earned only one batting bonus point since

it has recently been Vince Wells's habit to gorge himself with double-centuries but a full-length inswinger from Smith cut him off 195 short of his optimum. He could hardly have expected to have another innings before the close, and to be out the same way, as he watched Ben Smith and Darren Maddy showing what could be achieved on this

The second wicket had put on 72 when Walsh recalled Smith just before lunch, The day was never the same again. His second ball found Maddy on the back foot, trapped in front, and when Simmons offered no stroke, three balls later, the finger of Barry Dudleston, an umpire who coincidentally played for both these counties, was raised for a third time.

Walsh, who had arrived back from a selection meeting in the Caribbean only yesterday morning, dismissed Whitaker in the first over of the afternoon and, apart from some brief resistance for the eighth wicket, the rest was a procession. Mike Smith, who swings the ball far more than Alan Mullally, though at gentler pace, finished with six for 55; his namesake, Ben, batted through all but two overs of the innings for an unbeaten and almost untroubled 68. He must have won-

around him. Leicestershire's title challenge is based on the hostility of Mullally and David Millins and they responded tenaciously, sharing four wickets for 26. Gloucestershire have nobody to retrench amid such chaos Dominic Cork sent back Mike and their batting was an embarrassment.

dered what was happening

So too, was the over-rate of both teams, which left 17 overs still to be bowled when Leicestershire began their second innings at 6.20pm. With Walsh and Smith fired up, it was more of the same, baffling story, the casualties including Simmons for a collector's piece, first-day "pair".



Bill Athey hooks Brendon Julian, Surrey's Australian pace bowler, during Sussex's first innings in their county championship match at Guildford yesterday

Warwickshire scent revival

BY SIMON WILDE

EDGBASTON (second day of three): The Pakistanis, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 134 runs ahead of

WARWICKSHIRE'S course has not run smooth this season, but that has only hardened the club's resolve to prove it is not, as some have suggested, a spent force. The players exude a fierce determination to not give up their championship title without a fight and another possibility to restore their reputation is now open to them - a resounding defeat of the Pakistan touring team today.

It would be a notable scalp. The Pakistanis are unbeaten on tour and have not, indeed, lost to a county in a first-class match since the opening fixture of their last visit, in 1992, when an unexpected secondinnings collapse allowed Worcestershire to complete a five-wicket win.

A similarly surprising collapse occurred at Edgbaston yesterday, when the Pakistanis, 13 behind on first innings, lost seven wickets in a by the diving Ostler. frenetic final session, the two spinners, Smith and Giles, Their only other hope is

claiming three victims each. For a team without three first-team regulars, the £7.500 that victory would bring Warwickshire would be a prize indeed, even if their opponents are grappling with injuries and illness. Waqar Younis rested his hamstring by staying off the field; Salim Malik was troubled by dizziness in the afternoon and returned to ive another bewilderingly frenzied display with the bat; and Saeed Anwar was sent away for blood tests after a

If the Pakistanis are to escape defeat today, they may need Saeed, who came in at No 8. to lead a rearguard action with the tail. Apart from Ijaz Ahmed and Asif

Muitaba, who put on 83, few others showed any application. Moin Khan was largely blameless, brilliantly caught

Mushtaq Ahmed, their wonderful leg spinner, who yesterday equalled his best figures in England of seven for 91. However, despite the success of the spinners, the pitch is slow and offering them little help. Mushtaq took two wickets in 19 overs from the pavilion end before switching ends and, there finding greater bounce, polished off a pliant tail with five wickets in 28

This intervention was urgently required as Warwickshire's famous fighting spirit, which has been seen less often of late, was well to the fore during a rousing sixth-wicket stand of 142 between Pennev and Brown, whose 76 was studded with 12 fours and two

James and

By Jack Bailey

HARROGATE (first day of four: Hampshire won toss): Yorkshire, with all firstinnings wickets in hand, are 190 runs behind Hampshire

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ALMOST a full house at St George's saw the gods continue to smile on Kevan James. Nothing like the four wickets in four balls and a century in the same match against the Indians, but a brave innings of 71, spread over nearly four hours of dogged resistance. with more than a fair share of mistimed strokes and edges.

James held Hampshire together, as it were, with bits of knotted string. He survived only one real chance when he was dropped at second slip off Gough, when 25, but he came close any number of times.

If James had not held on and if Manhew Keech had not batted confidently during a partnership of 110 for the fifth wicket, Yorkshire would be sitting pretty. They did not do badly to limit Hampshire to 266, but they could count themselves unlucky not to have taken five wickets before lunch, so frequently was the bat passed or the ball edged. On a pitch full of early-

morning bounce, John Stephenson unleashed some handsome strokes after losing Laney and before playing on to Stemp; Robin Smith faced only five balls, including two absolute beauties from White, one of which went clean through him, the other, a yorker, catching him plumb in front.

Had Keech not been run out in the last over before tea, beaten by Gough's long flat throw, Hampshire might have got clear away. Keech is currently occupying the float-ing place in the Hampshire line-up, previously occupied by White and Whitaker. In Hampshire's last championship match, he made the first century of his career and now his 63 came from only 75 balls with 12 fours, meaty and mostly intentional.

With his dismissal, though, the odds shifted Yorkshire's way. Hampshire's last five wickets yielded only 38 runs and Vaughan and Moxon commanded the scene as they batted out the evening.

Court case means an eventful match for **Emburey**

By PAT GIBSON

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four: Middlesex won tossj: Northamptonshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 65 runs behind Middlesex.

IT IS a shame that John Emburey was unable to bat through until the close because he might otherwise have turned up in the witness box at the High Court this morning carrying his bat and wearing his gloves, pads and helmet. Emburey was always going

to be a central figure in this match between the county he served for 23 years and the one he joined as player-coach this season, but no one could have envisaged the circumstances which led to him bowling only 4.1 overs and batting at

The bizarre chain of events began 10 minutes before the start when Emburey, already subpoenaed as a witness in lan Botham's libel action against Imran Khan, received a phone call summoning him to the High Court. Four hours later he was able to take the field, having been told that he would not be needed until

One over after that he was bowling, with special permission from Lord's because of the "wholly exceptional" situation, picking up Middlesex's last two wickets and suggesting that they would have been in even deeper trouble if he had been there all day.

As it was, they were all out for 157, with their batting, weakened by the absence of the injured Ramprakash, undermined by some high-class left-arm seam bowling from Taylor, who took five fo

Within an over of Middlesex being out, Emburey was in action again as Northamptonshire, their own batting unsettled by the need for him to get his innings over and by the loss of Warren - who had broken his right thumb keeping wicket - ran into the same kind of problems against a former seam attack.

They finished on 92 for five which meant that 15 wickets had fallen in the day, and questions were bound to be asked about the pitch.

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BOWLING Airee 9-0-32-2, Munton 7-2-17-0; Giles 23-12-37-3; Smith 20-5-56-3.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings N v Knight Ibw b Ate-ur-Rehman A Singh c Saeed b Mohammed 1M Burns c Mont b Mushtaq A F Gites Dow b Mushtaq D P Ostler Ibw b Ate-ur-Rehman T I, Penney b Mushlaq .
D R Brown c Aamer b Mushlaq
N M K Smith at Moon b Mushlaq

Extras (o 6. lb 5. nb 4)

ecMLING Wager Youris 3-1-8-0; Mohemman Alvam 14-2-64-1, Ala-ur-Rehman 16-3-63-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 28-6-91-7, Aamir Schall 15-3-73-0

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Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Nottinghamshire CHELMSFORD (first day of four. Not-imphamship won loss) Essar, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 137 runs ahead of Notinghamship

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Immigs P R Pollard b Ireni R T Robinson c Rollins b Iloti P Johnson c Ireni b Williams A A Metcatte c Rollins b Irani A A Mercenic C Foliats b Irani
C L Cairns c Prichard b Ilott
C L Cairns c Prichard b Ilott
W M Noon c Grayson b Ilott
9 T Bates Ilow b Ilott
M N Bowen c Folians b Irani
J A Afford c Rollins b Irani Estras (fb 1, nb 4)

BOWLING: Bot 13-5-31-4: Andrew 6-2-20-), Williams 6-2-18-1; Irani 11.3-3-27-5

ESSEX: First innings G A Gooch c Noon b Alford
D D J Robinson c Noon b Bowen
A P Grayson b Bases
S G Lew c Johnson b Atford
P J Prichard not out R C trans not out Extras (ib 2. nb 6) ...

Total (4 wkds, 70 overs) 7R J Rollins, M C Iloit, N F Williams, P M Such and S J W Andrew to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-134, 3-190, 4-

BOWLING: Carns 8-3-13-0; Evans 12-1-47-0. Bowen 12-0-56-1; Bares 16-0-69-1, Afford 21-8-47-2; Alzaai 1-1-0-0 Ponus pomis: Essex 5 Nottinghamshire Umpires: D J Constant and G Sharp.

Gioucestershire v Leicestershire

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CHELTENHAM (Irist day of four, Leicester-stripe won loss). Leticestershire, with five second-immigs wickers in hand, are 108 runs ahead of Groucestershire. LEICESTERSHIRE: Fra Innings

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings DL Maddy bow 5 Smith BF Smith not out B F Shren hat Out.

P V Summons low b Smith

J J Whitaker c Russell b Smith

A Hebito c Russell b Smith

1P A Noon c Russell b Smith

I L Males c Messell b Smith D J Matris c Winght b Smith G J Parsons c Wright b Lewis A R K Person c Ball b Lewis A D Multally c and b Alleyne Extras (b 5, lb 10, w 1, nb 16) Total (5 wkts, 37 overs) †RJ Warren, J N Snape, J P Taylor and S A J Boswell to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-10, 3-21, 4-25. BOWLING: Welsh 16-3-42-1; Smith 18-3-55-6; Lewis 9-5-19-2; Alleyne 11-3-23-1; BOWLING Fraser 9-4-15-1; Fay 11-3-32-2; Johnson 5-0-16-1; Hewitt 6-2-13-1; Weekes 3-2-4-0; Turnell 3-1-9-0.

Sec. Lemis Second Innings

V.J. Wells Row & Smith 13

D.L. Maddry & Symonds & Walsh 14

B.F. Smith run out 7

A. Habob low & Walsh 14

P.V. Symmons Row & Smith 10

"J.J. Whiteler not out 12

A.R.K. Pierson not out 12

Edras (M. 4, rib 14) 18

"Second (S. welds) 80 Total (5 wkts) _______80 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-39, 3-44, 4-48.

BOWLING: Welsh 8-2-28-2: Smith 7-0-40-2; Ball 2-0-8-0

Bail 2-0-9-0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Immigs
M G N Windows law b Milles
A J Wright c Sammons b Milles
T H C Hancock c Sammons b Multally
M A Lynch c Sammons b Multally
A Symonds law b Sammons
M W Alleyne c Millis b Parsons
TR C Russell c Noton b Simmons
M C J Bail run out
A M Smah c Simmons b Parsons
J Lewis b Multally
"C A Walsh not out
Extras Ib 2, w 6, nb 81
Total (27 overs)

Total (27 overs) ______71
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-9, 4-26, 5
35, 6-35, 7-43, 8-43, 9-65 BOWLING: Milins 8-3-14-2, Multally 8-4-16-3, Simmons 5-0-19-2; Parsons 6-1-20-2 Bonus points Gloucestershire 4 Leicestershire 4 Umpires B Dudleston and N T Pleas.

Lancashire v Derbyshire OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four Lan-cashire won loss) Lancashire have scored 334 for two wickets egainst Derbyshire LANCASHIRE: First Immigs

M A Atherion c Adams b Cork
JE R Gallian not out
J P Crawley c DeFrestas b Wells
S P Tucherd not out
Extras fib 3, w 1, nb 6] Total (2 wkts, 111 overs) ... G D Lloyd, "M Wallanson, TW K Hegg, S Eworthy, G Chapple, P J Martin and G Keedy in bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-100.

BOWLING Cork 16-6-38-1, Harns 16-1-55-0, DeFrekas 23-3-94-0, Vandrau 25-4-67-0; Wells 22-7-45-1, Jones 4-1-18-0; Barnett 5-0-14-0 DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett, A S Rollins: C J Adams. * D M Jones, T J G O'Gorman, C M Wells. P A J DeFretas. 11: M Krikken, D G Cork, M J Vandrau. A J Hamb Bonus points: Lancashire 3 Derbyshire 0

Umpires: G | Burgass and A Clarkson Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (inst day of tour, Middle-se won toss) Northamptonshire, with live first-mings wickels in hand, are 65 runs behind Middleser. MIDDLESEX: First innings

AC Pooley to a layer

"M W Garling c Warren b Taylor

J D Carr bw b Cape!

P E Welings c Monigomene b Cape!

th R Brown c Cape! b Emburey

J P Hewit b Taylor

R L Johnson c Curran b Taylor

R A Fox c Curran b Penberthy

AR C Fraser not ou!

P C R Tulneli c Montgomene b Emburey

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Umplies: H D Bird and J H Harris.

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Surrey v Sussex GUILDFORD (second day of four): Sussex, with one first-hunings wicket in hand, are 151 runs behind Surrey

A D Brown tow to Jervis A J Hollicake c Athey to Lewry C C Lewis c Athey to Salisbury B P Julian c Moores to Lewry ...

Bonus points. Northemplorables 4 Middle-sex 2 Limpires: M.J. Kitchen and K.J. Lyons Worcestershire v Durham WORCESTER (first day of lour. Durham won loss): Worcestershire, with six list-innings wickets in hand, are 201 runs behind Durham.

DURHAM: First Innings

Extres (lb 3, w 2, nb 22) Total (84.2 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-79, 3-81, 4-91, 5-116, 6-186, 7-188, 8-183, 9-233. BOWLING: Sheriyar 11-3-46-0; Ellis 12-0-38-0; Moody 20-6-39-3; Lampitt 18.2-1-57-4; Bingworth 16-5-39-2; Solanid 1-0-2-0; Church 6-3-16-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Total (4 wids, 18 overs) ... tS J Rhodes, S R Lamptit, R K Itingworth, S W K Elis and A Sheriyar to bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-8, 3-11, 4-11. BOWLING: Brown 9-5-13-3; Bette 6-2-18-1; Wood 3-1-7-0. Bonus points: Worcestershire 4 Durham 2.

Umperes: B J Meyer and R A White. Yorkshire v Hampshire HAPPROCATE (first day of lour, Hampshire won loss): Yorkshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 190 runs behind

HAMPSHIRE: Pitst Innings J P Stephenson b Slemp . S Laney Ibw b Silverwood D James c Blakey b Silverw J S Larrey law b Silverwood
R A Smith law b White
V P Teny c Harbay b Silverwood
M Kaech nun out
1A N Aymes not out
S D Lidel b Gough
S M Milburn c Stiemp b Hartley
C A Connor b Herilay
N B Bood hw b Gough
Extres (b 7, b 9, w 9, mb 18)

Total (89.3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-75, 3-76, 4-118, 5-228, 6-241, 7-253, 8-258, 9-258, 80W, RVC: Google 20-3-8-50-2, Hardley 19-466-2; Stromood 20-3-62-3; Stemp 11-27-1; White 10-2-20-1; Beven 9-0-25-0 YORKSHIRE: First Innings

BOWLING: Cornor 4-0-23-0; Milbum 4-0-24-0, James 3-0-18-0; Udal 2-0-10-0. Bonus points. Yorkshire 4 Hemoshire 2

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bloknell c Moores b Law M A Butcher c Wells b Jervis "A J Stewert c Moores b Law G P Thorpe c Moores b Jervis

Score et 120 overs: 355-9 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-123, 3-251, 4-251, 5-270, 6-285, 7-285, 8-300, 9-320. BOWLING: Jarvis 28-7-82-4; Lewry 22-3-64-2; Lew 26-5-85-2; Giddine 14-2-55-0; Lenhem 4-1-17-0; Salisbury 32.2-10-85-2; Qreenfield 6-3-13-0

SUSSEX: First Irminos

Total (9 wids, 73.2 overs) . ESH Giddins to bat. E 3 T CAMBITE TO DEE. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-124, 3-150, 4-95, 5-189, 6-170, 7-175, 8-258, 9-260. BOWLING: Lewis: 17-4-57-0; M P Bicknell 17-4-45-2, Julian 13-0-41-4; Holloeke 15-1-48-1; Rearson 9-1-52-0; D J Bicknell 2-2-1-2-2.

Bonus points: Surrey 8 Sussex 6 Umpires: R Petmer and B Leadbeate Tour match

Glamorgan v South Africa A CARDIFF (second day of three): South Africs A beat Glamorgan by an innings and 44 runs SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings 346 (D N Crookes 105, H D Acterman 99, N Pothas

GLAMORGAN: First Inning GLAMONGANE HIST Innings
S P. James o Pothas b Klusener
A W Evane Ibw b Klusener
D L Hemp o Pothas b Kraffs
P A Cottey o Pothas b Kraffs
P A Cottey o Pothas b Kraffs
O D Gibsen b Schutz
N M Kensinck not out
S L Warden e sub b Schutz
S R Benvick b Klusener

Extras (16 12, w 1, nb 10) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-44, 3-59, 4-71, 5-85, 6-134, 7-142, 8-158, 9-161. BCWLING: Schutz 11-2-45-2. Klusener 7.4-2-39-4; Kallis 15-5-31-4; Adams 13-1-

Second Innings

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty. UNDER-19 ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL: Chester-lo-Street: New Zealand 265-7 (M Walker 60, C McMillan 57) England 269-8 (A C Morris 76) England beat New Zealand by two wischets

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sherhan, bridge correspondent

Last week we discussed the values needed for a jump response to a take-out double. If you are too strong for such a response, you must begin with a cue-bid of the opponent's suit. This bid asks your partner to bid his best suit. You are expected to bid again, but he can pass at his third turn if you raise his suit or bid Two No-trumps. Here are some examples after a double of One Heart:

(I) ±QJ7 ¥A753 •K103 ±Q76

On Hand (i), you have the values for Two No-trumps, but, for that action, you would prefer a second heart stopper. The chances are that, if you cue-bid Two Hearts, your partner will bid Two Spades and now you can try Two No-trumps. This will tell him that your heart stopper is not quite up to scratch and may enable him to envisage a final contract other than notrumps. He can pass Two No-Trumps if he is completely

minimum. On Hand (ii), you would be happy to play in Four Spades if you knew that partner had four cards in the suit. If he does not, your heart values suggest that Three No-trumps would be better than a 4-3 spade fit. Čue-bid Two Hearts. If partner bids Two Spades, raise him to Four; if he bids anything else, try Three No-trumps.

(III) ±5 ▼8765 •A4 •AKJ1064 (lv) ÷— ▼652

(II) ±AK64 ▼A1095

Both these hands are much stronger and you have genuine slam With Hand (iii), is not difficult to see that slam is virtually

laydown if partner has as little as: **★A743 ₹3 ♦KQ106** Start with a cue-bid of Two Hearts. Partner will probably bid Two Spades and now you can continue with Three Clubs, forcing

for one round. Hand (iv) is even better, but this time you do not know which will be the best trump suit. Cue-bid Two Hearts. If partner bids Three of a minor, your problems will be solved. If, as is more likely, he bids Two Spades, you can bid Three Clubs. As before, this is forcing and you would expect him to bid a four-card diamond suit if he does not have good club support. A slam could be laydown if he has as little as:

±7643 ♥7 +QJ87 ±KJ85

and he surely has more than that. This is the traditional meaning of such a cue-bid and what you should stick to at the rubber bridge table. As with many other bids, the duplicate game has devalued the cue-bid; many tournament players use it to show a much weaker hand which wants to offer a choice of suits. They play that a simple response of a suit in reply to the cue-bid can be passed.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SENARY SHAPION a, A man's hat a. Aged b. A seed-story b. A plumber's tool c. To do with six c. An iambic metre SLIDDER

SLINGER a. Thinner b. A dog fox c. Someone who slings stones a. A sledge b. Someone who throws stones c. A steep trench Answers on page 42



By RAYMOND KEENS CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Unusual defence

Dortmund, July 1996

Dortmund Michael Adams, of Great Britain, chose an unusual defence against Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster. In recent tournaments, Topalov's form has been outstanding, so it was a superb achievement by Adams to defeat him with Black. White: Veselin Topalov Black: Michael Adams

2 d4 3 04 Bxt3 5 Oxf3 Nc3 Qd1 d5 Bxc3+ Ngf6 Qa5 0-0-0 9 bxc3 11 Ob3 Rdg8 Qc7 13 Rb1 g5 Rg6 Ka8 Rb8 h5 Ch3 Nxe4 fxe4 35 a5 36 R1e3 Rtf7 40 Fixel6

Rxd5 Rxa5 Rh5 Rc4 Kb6

a5 b4 Kb5

94 R15

Rf1+

Rt2+

n the international tournament at

r's Defence

Kg2 K3 Ke2 K42 53 Kb2

Rh4

Kal White resigns Diagram of final position 1 2 1/2 1/2

Dutch championship Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster, emerged from his recent doldrums to share first prize in the Dutch championship in Amster-dam with Ivan Sokolov, the former Bosnian grandmaster. Both players scored 812 points out of 11 with such prominent grand-masters as John van der Wiel, Jeroen Piket, Paul van der Sterren

and Genna Sosonko further down the table. Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess

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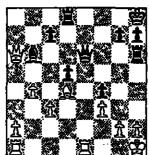
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

42 Pxh5

Black to play. This position is from the game Chekhover - Lutikov, Soviet Union, 1951. It is often dangerous to have pieces which are unguarded, even if they are not immediately threatened. One such piece in this position is the white queen on hô. How did Black

exploit this tactical weakness? Solution on page 42



CYCLING

Tour follows Voskamp into France

for overall honours in the Tour de France staged a go-slow yesterday. It was to be expected. Indeed, it was strongly in the tradition of the great

The previous day had been hard fought to establish what is probably the final pecking order. Now, recrossing the Pyrenees from Spain after Wednesday's cruel north-tosouth journey, which confirmed Bjarne Riis in the race leader's yellow jersey, the lesser lights were thrown the crumb of a possible stage victory - always provided, of course, that they did not offer an eventual serious challenge to the overall standings. Thus, Bart Voskamp's name goes into the record books as the winner of the not-too-demanding eighteenth stage from Pampiona to Hendaye. the French resort alongside the Atlantic, 154 kilometres distant.

Behind him, Riis sat comfortably alongside his likely rivals with whom he, seemingly, had come to a gentleman's agreement that their pace would be tempered by the ability of a 14-strong leading group that formed before the final mountain climb of Otxondo (107 kilometres from the finish) as the race left Spain. Christian Salvato, of Italy, was first over the summit, which was followed by a by-and-large steady descent to the finish. At that point the main pack was

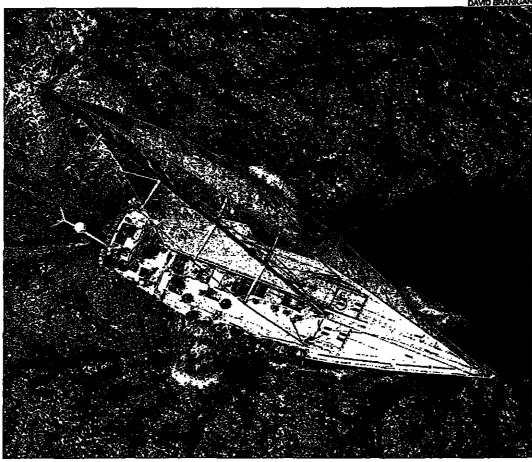
content to pedal along without

aggression. They had done their

THE top ten riders in contention mental arithmetic and knew that none of the significant positions was endangered. Up ahead, the pace-setters, spurred on by the thought of a stage success, steadily drew clear and what had once been a modest advantage of four min-utes began to increase, eventually reaching double figures.

Christian Henn, of Telekom team, made the move that decided the result and split the leaders. He attacked and went clear, but was soon joined by Voskamp. Five kilometres from the line, the pair, working well together to maintain their lead, were 16sec ahead of three pursuers and, during the remaining kilometres, increased that advantage. On the final run-in, Voskamp proved the stronger sprinter, winning by 2sec. The remnants of the leading

group came in well spread out, but never in danger of being caught by the relaxed peloton about 15 min-utes behind. They appeared content to conserve their energies not only for today's run to Bordeaux but also with Saturday's individual time-trial in mind, the result of which should make Sunday's stage a pleasant promenade into Paris for most of the survivors, if not Miguel Indurain, normally the time-triallist supreme. A poor performance on the road from Bor-deaux to Saint Emilion will be enough to persuade the ailing Spaniard to miss the Olympic Games and go on holiday instead.



SAIL POWER; Sorcery, the American-owned maxi, goes to windward in yesterday's second race at Ford Cork Week, which she won in the first light airs of the regatta. The 83-footer had earlier retired from the first race in Class 0 after one of her 26-strong crew was flipped overboard by a running spinnaker sheet (Edward Gorman

Paddy O'Brien, the skipper, managed to turn the yacht round, but was unable to pick up the crewman because of the large number of boats racing close-by. The sailor was eventually recovered, uninjured, by an inflatable rescue boat, obliging Sorcery to retire. The race was won by Jocelyn Waller's Bashford-Howison 41, Silk 2, the overall leader in the class, from Nigel Bramwell's BH 41. Hawk, in second.

Meanwhile, the battle for the Sigma 33

National championship intensified as the two leading boats tackled the uncertainties of light airs sailing, but managed to hang on to their overall supremacy. The 73-strong fleet were set Olympic-style courses and went out with Simon Pender, on St Joan, just ahead of their fellow Clyde-based boat, Phoenix, owned by John and

Hillary Connelly. In the first race, the Connellys took their second win, while Pender finished in 36th after crossing the start line early and having to go back. In the second race, however, the Sonata-class national champion fought back to finish second behind Gavin Watson's, Rupert, while the Connellys finished fourth.

With a discard now coming into force, Pender remains in the lead with 14.50pts from the Connellys in second on 17.50pts.

RUGBY UNION

New legal threat emerges for RFU

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FRUSTRATED debenture-holders at Twickenham are contemplating legal action if the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) meeting with other home unions' leaders next Tuesday does not produce a resolution to England's threatened expulsion from the five nations' champion-

About 10,000 debenture-holders have recently received forms from the RFU to encourage early applications for the forthcoming season, but the possible loss of five nations' matches - the consequence of the controversial broadcasting agreement between the union and BSkyB, the satellite television company (which is part-owned by News International, owners of The Times) — has angered some.

There is no way I bought a product just to watch the grass grow," Dennis Sobey, who manages his own training company and is a vice-president at Old Beccehamians, said yesterday. Sobey, 49, paid nearly £5,000 for his ten-year debenture in 1990, which entitles him to a guaranteed seat in the middle tier of the East Stand at significant occasions at

"I believe that what the RFU has done is illegal, without giving us an option," Sobey said. "If you have paid for a service and it's withdrawn, you are entitled to complain, to an ombudsman or to the courts." He has consulted other debenture-holders, occupants of the East Stand, whose feelings mirror his own.

They are playing with our money at a time when they are short of pennies themselves and it's totally unacceptable." Sobey added, referring to the £34 million debt that the RFU has on the West Stand. "Depending upon what happens on Tuesday. I will take legal advice to see where we all stand."

Richard Field, the RFU marketing director, while sympathetic over debenture-holders' concerns. stressed that so far only a handful of protests had been received. "Many are waiting to see what the outcome of the negotiations is and we feel there is cause for optimism, that there will be a five nations' championship," he said.

Field pointed out that it is not the RFU that has withdrawn from the championship and that there is no warranty on the debentures concerning the number or frequency of matches. Next season's schedule offers 19 opportunities at Twicken-ham for holders, ten of them big representative occasions, compared with 13 and seven only two

seasons ago.
South Africa may go into tomorrow's tri-nations' international in Christchurch as holders of the World Cup, but, in the eyes of the world, their hosts have already overtaken them in precedence. New Zealand's dismissal of Australia a fortnight ago was such that they indicated a new plateau in the game had been reached, of which they are the only occupants. It will be the first meeting between the two countries since the extra-time final of the World Cup last June, which South Africa won 15-12.

Paul Sampson, having completed his formal academic education in Yorkshire, will continue his rugby education with Wasps. Sampson, 19, a wing, trained with England last January as a schoolboy at Woodhouse Grove.

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TODAYS FRUIRES Tetley Challenge Series 11 O, final day of three

Britannic Assurance county championship

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Nottinghamshire CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire

Derbyshire NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Durham HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Hampshire 11 0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum GUILDFORD: Surrey v Sussex BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Pantag: Giamorgan v Worcesterstrine Maidstone Kent v Essex. Aston Unity CC: Warwich shire v Minor Countles.

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OTHER SPORT

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For Bar

(G E Loveday 58) and 254-2 (Loveday 113 not out, N W Pitcher 100). Barleshire beat Shropshire by eight workers. High Wycomber, Buckenghamshire 243-5 (N D Burns 88, J C Harrison 58) and 146 (D R Thomas 5-27); Nortolik 243-1 (T J Boon 100 not out, S C Goldsmith 59 not out, C J Rogers 56) and 147-1 (Goldsmith 62 not out). Nortolik heat Buckenshamshire by nine workshire. and 147-1 (Goldsmitt of the Court Northoles beet Buckinghamshine by nine wickets. First day of two: Fenner's: Cumberland 280-8 (G J Clarke 82, A D Mawson 57; T S Smith 5-92, Cambridgestvre 204-8 (A Alchtar 51).

Sutiff 52) and 267-6 dec. Warneckshre 302-1 dec (W C Knan 157, M J Powell 124-not out) and 351-6 (Knan 179). Warneckshre won by four wickets. Tauriton: Somersel 350-8 dec (P C L Hollows) 131 not out, K A Parsons 69) and 274-7 dec (J C Hallett 91, Hollowsy 83): Kent 324-4 dec (M Taylor 109 not out, M Walker 52, S Willis 50 not out) and 265-9 (W House 75, H R J Tump 5-89). Match drawn Halesowen: Hampsine 423-9 dec (W S Kendall 100, L J Botham 64; M Marza 4-85) and 263-6 dec (J R Treagus 77, Botham 65): Worcestershire 347-4 dec (V S Solanki 156, M J Church 124) and 301 (Dawod 90 not out, Church 54; S D Udal 5-105). Hampshire won by 38 nurs. Trent Bridger, Nottinghamshire 416-8 dec (C M Tolley 114, M P Dowman 108, G F Archer 56; J Botting 4-91) and 187 (J H Shah 7-39); Durham 270 (J Jones 87) and 321-8 (J A Daley 128 not out, C Clark 96; R T Bates 5-127) Match drawn Wellingbarough School: Sussex 216 (R C Philips 33) and 255-5 (K J Innes 108, A R Roberts 97) Northamptonshire won by five wickets
ELROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Mothamshire 140-119.

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BURDPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A:
Ringstod: England 375-9 (D Clarke 119, M
Roberts 69, S Waterton 50) Israel 38 (P
Roches 4-11) England won by 337 runs
Albertstunch Holland 162 (K van Noortwak
54; M Allingham 4-35): Scotland 163-8.
Scotland won by two wickets.

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FOR THE RECORD Derimark won by nine wickets. Koege: Gioraltar 91 (N Doak 4-16); Ireland 97-2 (D Curry 50) Ireland won by eight wickets.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE: Eightearth st. (226.5km, Pamotona to Hendaye): 1. Vostamp (Holl, TVM) 4th 11min 2sec; 2. Herm (Ger, Teleom) at 2sec; 3. A Eil McG-fechnogym) 27, 4. B. Thibout Motorola) same time; 5, B. Boscardin Festina) 32. 6. A Ferrigato (It, Rosidra); 1. 28sec; 7, P. Herve (Fr. Festina); 9. Braufonk (Ned. Rabobank); 9. V Foss Panaria); 10, D. Perona (R. Gewass); 11. Salvato (It, Refin); 12. M. Bartoll (It, M. Technogym); 13, M. Alonso (Sp. Banas al same time, 14, P. Jonkar (Aus., O.M. Zesect. /, Pierwi ff., Fessmal, 9. c. Braufonk, (Ned. Rabobank; 8. V Fos. (R., Panaria); 10, D Parona (R. Gewas); 11, C Selveto, (R. Hefin); 12. M Barnoti (R. MG-Technogym); 13, M Alonso (Sp., Banasto) all same time. 14. P Jonkar (Aus. ONCE) 1:32:15, E Zabel (Ger. Telekom) 18:55; 16, D Abdulapperov (Uzb., Pefin); 17, F Beldiato (R. MG-Technogym); 18, F Moncessan (Fr. GAN), 19, A Baronti (R. Parana); 20, L Brochard (Fr. Festind) all same time; 92. C Boardman (GB, GAN) 16:55. Oversall positions: 1, B Ris (Den., Telekom) 85mr 45mm 32sec: 2, J Ulinch (Ger, Telekom) at 3mn 32sec: 2, J Virenque (Fr., Festind) at 3mn 35sec; 3, R Virenque (Fr., Festind) at Asriar Assect 2 J Ohran (cell, research) at 3min Sesec; 3, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) 425, 4, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) 5:52; 5, P Luttenberger (Austin, Cerrera) 6:19; 6, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme) 7:23, 7, P Ugrumov (Russ, Rosiono) 7:48; 8, L Leblane (Fr, Polif) 8:01; 9, A Otano (Sp, Mapeë) 11:24; 11, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 15:38, 12, Jonker 17:38; 13, B Hamburger (Den, TVM) 19:18; 14, L Plepoll (It, Relin) 19:31; 15, Elli 20:46; 43, Boardman 1hr 27min 33sec, Points classification: 1, Zabel 277pts; 2, Moncassification: 1, Virenque 383, 2, Ris 274; 3 Dufaux Festina 178, Team: 1, Festina 257n 4min 16sec; 2, Telekom at 15min 33ec; 3,

FOOTBALL. UEFA CUP: Preiminary round, first leg:
Alsanes (ice) 2 Sieles (Mace) 0; Anorthorses
(Cyp) 4 Shirak Gyurms (Arm) 0; Becei (Yug)
0 Mura (Stovenia) 0; Beta Jerusalem (Isr) 3
Romane (Malta) 1; Bothomann 1; Dinamo
Minsk (Belo) 1; Croetia Zagreb 4 Tirena
(Alto) 0; Dinamo Politsi (Geo) 4 CS
Grevenmacher (Lux) 0; Dinamo-93 Minsk
(Belo) 3 Titigul Traspol (Mal) 1; FC Lentena
(Est) 2 Vestmemaeje (Isr) 1; FC Teuta
(Alto) 1; Kosce (Stovakle) 4; Ht Gonza
(Stovakla) 0 Verder (Macodoma) 1; Halia
(Fini 2 Piora Tellinn (Est) 2; Hutnik Krakow
(Pol) 9 Khaci Buzovine (Azer) 0; Jazz (Pini) 3
Gotu Itrottarrietge (Feorus (s) 1; Jeunesse
d'Esch (Lux) 2 Loga Warssaw (Pol) 4.
Maccelo Hailo (Isr) 0 Partizen Belgrade
(Yug) 1; Nohchi Balsu (Azor) 2 Lokomotiv Sote (Bul) 1; Newtown 1 Stanto Riga (Lat)
4; Portsdown 0 Vojvodina (Yug) 1; Pyunik
Yerevan (Arm) 3 HJK Helsinia (Fin) 1;
Sandoyar (Faene Is) 1 Apoel Nicosa (Cyp)
5; Slavia Sotia (Bul) 4 Interas-Critics (Lith) 3;
Silema Wanderers (Melia) 1 Margveti
Zestaphoni (Gep) 3; Zeigints Vintus (Lith) 2
Chusaders 0; Vizmbru Chusnieu (Mol) 0
Halduk Sofi (Cro) 4

SQUASH

CAIRO: World junior men's chemp-lonship: Quarter-linet: A Fatzy (Egypt) bi J Russell (Eng) 4-9, 8-4, 9-7, 7-9, 9-7 Semi-finat: S Boswell (Aus) bit K B Misrikawi (Egypt) 9-1, 4-9, 9-4, 9-4

TENNIS DIDSBURY: Manchester Challeager Men's singles: First round: C Wilkinson (GB) bt G Trifu (Rom), 8-4, 4-2 disq; B Rehmenn (Ger) bt L Barlez (Fr) 5-3, 7-6, F Tramacchi (Aus.) bt N Weel (GB) 6-4, 7-5; FRINTON-ON-SEA: LTA word tournament (GB unless stat

round: Side Beer (SA) bit A James 6-4, 6-4; A Jensen (Aus) bit L Scardigno (Aus) 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; G Niland (Ire) bit D Asensio (Switz) 6-3, 6-3 5. 7-5; G Nitarid (Ire) bt D'Assensio (Switz)
6-3, 6-3;
WASHINGTON; Men's tournament (US unless stated); First round; B Black (Zm) bt C Adams 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; W McGure bt C Costa (Sp) 8-4, 7-6; N Pereira (Vary bt D Vace), (Cz) 6-3, 6-3; C Woodruff bt J-P Hauman (Ph) 6-2, 6-2; M Joyce bt G Prozz (II) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; H Araz (Mor) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-2, 6-4; S Sargesan (Armea) bt O Ottz (Med) 6-2, 6-4; S Sargesan (Armea) bt O Ottz (Med) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; M Ondruska (SA) bt G Stefford (SA) 5-7, 7-8, 6-2, Second round: A Agassa bt J Etnigh (Holf) 7-6, 6-3; P Raiter (Aus) bt J Cunite-Salva (Por) 6-2, 6-2; K Kucara (Slovelda) bt B Black (Zm) 6-2, 6-2; K Kucara (Slovelda) bt B Black (Zm) 6-2, 6-2; K Kucara (Slovelda) bt B Black (Zm) 6-2, 6-2; K Kucara (Slovelda) bt O Ogorodov (Iuci) 6-2, 6-2; K Kucara (Slovelda) bt J Krosiak (Slovelda) 6-4, 6-3; W Femera (SA) bt S Campball 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 5-4, 6-3, M Hadda (Co) bt W McGurre 6-3, 6-6, 1, V Spadea bt B Shelton 6-4, 6-1; M Comre 6-4, 6-1; V Spadea bt B Shelton 6-4, 6-1; M Course (SA) 6-7, 6-9, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, Third round: Raiter bt Agassa 6-7, 6-9, 6-2, MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tour-

11-2); 2. Royal Emblem (8-13 fav), 3. Comoraka (5-2) 4 ran 'kl, W J Scargell Tota £9,80 DF £4 10. CSF £9,16

6.45 (5/ 213yd) 1, Dark Menace (A Daly, 25-1); 2, School Boy (3-1); 3, Memphis Beau (12-1) Flagstaff 11-8 fav. 6 ran Hd, 1sl. E. Wheeler Toto: £37.60; £7.70, £2.10 UF: £36.20, CSF £89.83

7.15 (7! 214yd) 1. Peerl Dewn (S Whitworth, 5-2): 2. Rocky Waters (5-1): 3. Just Millie (13-8 taw) 7 ran NR. Em-broidered, M. M. G.L. Macra Tote 52 80. S1 20, 52 40 DF: 56.70 CSF- £13.80 No bid

7.45 (1m 3l 199yd) 1, Canton Venture (W Woods, 2-1 lavl; 2, Rising Dough (4-1), 3, Norsong (5-1) 5 ran 3 ½, 5l 'S Woods Tota, \$2.80, \$1 50, \$2 00 DF \$5.50 CSF \$2 13.

8.15 (1m 1/209yd) 1. Frog (6 Duffold, 1-3 lav): 2. Alistans Express (7-1): 3. Effica-cious (25-1). 6 ram 3f 6f. Sir Mark Proscott Tole £1 20; £1.20, £2.50 DF £2.30. CSF £3.70

8.45 (5/ 59yd) 1. Literary Society (S Sanders, 13-8; 2. Midnight Spell (5-1); 3 Litibotia (6-5 tay), 4 ran Hd. St J Toller Toto: £2.90 DF £4.90 CSF £8.21.

Placepot: £442.20. Quadpot: £10.00.

Going: good to firm 6:30 (6) 1, Sambac (W Ryan, 4-11 (av), 2 Skyor: Ryor (33-1): 3, Arruhan (5-2) 3 ran 2 1 35 H Cacal Tota £1 30, DF £6 00 CSF: £4 96

7.00 (5h) 1. Bowcliffe Grange IK Sked, 9-4 lav, Private handicapper's top rating! 2. Abio Shorifi (6-1), 3 Silk Cotage (4-1) 2 ran Hd, rik, D Chapman Tote £3.10, 21-40, £160, £150 DF £19.80, CSF £15 60, Thicast £47.32

7.30 (50) 1. Sous Le Nez (K Darley 7-4 (40) 2. Stop N Go (9-4), 3. Martine (15-2) 4 ran NR Arny, 2 bl. \$1 hd. R Guost, Tore (2.30, 52.60, DF 53.00 CSF 55.67

8.00 (1m) 1. Ret Fram (P Robinson 11-4 lay), 2. Tael Of Silver (5-1), 3. Kid Ory (7-1), 7 can. Ns. 41 M Janes Tote 23 30, £1 60, £3 50 DF £12 20, CSF £16 00

9.00 (1m 4) 1. Mighty Phantom (M Hits, 6-1), 2. Campaspe (11-2), 3. Temptress (3-1 fev), B ren NR Ayun) Nk, nd J Hels Tote \$5.10; £1.40 £1.90 £1.70 DF. £19.50 Thio: £49.30 CSF £35.50 Thicast £107.17

Doncaster

POLO

Dubai made to pay for profligacy

By JOHN WATSON

C S BROOKS, the quartet put together by the American player Brook Johnson, defeated Ali Albwardy's Dubai 10-7 in the semi-finals of the British Open championship for 🗫 Veuve Cliquot Gold Cup at

Cowdray Park yesterday.

Dubai played a sound tactical game and might have won had Marcus Heguy, their ten-handicap No 3, been accugoal, instead of missing with four opportunities. Martin Vidou, the No 2, was no more precise in shooting from the

CS Brooks seemed to have the edge in pony power, often winning races for the ball, while their central duo, the Heguy twins, Eduardo and Ignacio - cousins of Marcos - showed superb interaction and were in possession more than anyone else.

In Sunday's final CS Brooks will meet Ellerston White, who defeated Les Lions (received one) 11-6 in the second

CEIVED ONE) 11-0 IT THE SECOND SEMI-final.

C S BROOKS: 1. J Fisher (1); 2, 1 Heguy (9); 3, 5 Heguy (10); Back B Johnson (2) OUBBA!. A Albeardy (1); 2, M Vidou (7); 3, M Heguy (10). Back A Fanshawe (4) ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, J Daniels (5); 2, J Novillo Astrada (7); 3 G Penes (10); Back D Smith (1).

ESS LIONS: 1. J Contected (m. 2, C. LES LIONS: 1, J Gortschalk, (0), 2, C Forsyth (8); 3, E Trotz (10); Back, R Matthews (4)

Going: firm 2.00 (1m 3) 144yd) 1. FLIGHT MASTER (S 2:00 (fm.3 14-40) 1. PUBSH MASTER (S. Sanders, 7-4 to. Richard Evens's nep), 2. Stosta Time (J. Red. 8-1): 3. Durham (Asrco Cook. 3-1). ALSO RAN 11-5 Coolits Park (Sh), 17ade Wind (4th), 16. Kama Simbo (Sh), 40 Lost Realm 7 ran Hd. 11-1, 2, 35.1. II. P. Maidin at Ogbourne Marcoy, Tote 52:70. \$1.80, \$2.80. DF 513.40. CSF, \$51.40. No bid 2.30 (Im 5yd) 1, SALEBMAH (W Carson, 1-2 fay), 2, Rehaab (M Roberts, 9-4); 3, Tabl (R Hils, 6-1) 3 ran 121 thi J Dunion at Arandol, Toto: £1.30 DF, £1.50 CSF

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2.00 (SI 11yd) 1. MINDRACE (Martin Dwyor, 12-1), 2. White Emir (J Reid, 2-1 lav) 3. Sharp Peart (T Quinn, 14-1) ALSO RAN 3. Gwespyr (4th), 6. Ruchouter Bay (5th), Total Alcod, 8. Sep On Degas, 12. Farry Prince (8th) 8. sm 1-1, 1-3, hd, nk, 2-1, k. lovy at Raddet, Total C13 60, 22 60, 21 30, 23 70. DF C30 50 CSF-C36 47 Tincast C327 57.

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3.30 (SI 11yc) 1, TAFAHHUS (M Roberta, 6-4 fav. Thurnderer's nep), 2, Astralinvader (P P Murphy, 8-1), 3, Merino Street (** Coulzn, 6-7) ALSO RAN: 11-4 Colston-C. 8 Denratev (4th), 10 Johnyro Eshi 16 Trommy Tempost (6th), 50 Daydream Island, 66 Woodfonds Electric. 9 ran. 1:½ shihu nk, 2f. nk, M Poliplase at Newmarkot Toto E 40; E 110, E 190. E 00 OF E 14 60 Tric. E 23.20 CSF E14.24 Alter a stowards Inquity result stood

E14.24 After a stowards' inquiry rosult stood
4 00 (51 161ych) 1. TUMBLEWEED PEARL
(J Reid, 4-1) tay, Private Handicapper's top rating): 2. Miss Barcelona (M Roborts 12-1): 3. Anokato (C Scally 40-1). ALSO RAN. 9 Fine Times (461). Private Princess (681). 11 Straf's Quest (5th) 65 Lochiona. 7 and 2, 254, 354, 31. 11. B Machan at Lambourn Tote £1.40. \$1.10, £2.80 DF £3.70 CSF £5.70. 11. 10, £2.80 DF £3.70 CSF £5.70. ANOKATO DAY, 13-8 kg/s 13. Reseayed (T Custin.) 11-41 ALSO RAN 9-2 Debutante Days (4th). 8 Morg & Morrary (6th), 14 Pructent £5th). 16 Kowkow. 7 and 3, 3.39, 11. 23. N Chance at Lambourn. Tota: £13.30, £2.60, £2.10 DF £18.10 CSF £31.08. Phacepott £11.90. Custopat £3.70. Placepot: £11,90. Quadpot: £3,70

Leicester Going: goed to firm 2.15 (Im. 1f. 218yd) 1. PALAMON (T Sprake, 8-15 (ar); 2. Agdistis (P. Robinson, 9-1); 3. Mountain Dream (K. Darloy, 9-1) ALSO RAN: 9. Beauchamp Kniefri, Supormodol (Bin), 16 Blocstymide (bith), Sharp Progress, 20 Soverth Edition (4th).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS 33 Potit Flora, 50 Pap Lady, 100 Moadow Blue, Queons Fancy, Sotorian) 13 ran 6t, 31.1, 11st, 5t, hd R. Charlton at Bockhampton, Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £2.50, £1.10, DF- £11.20, Trio: £48.70, CSF £7.87

E7 67

2.45 (SI 2nd) 1. SILVER LINING (G Carler, 11-1). 2. I Can't Remember (W J O'Connor, 4-1), 3. Accountancy Leador (T Spraira, 9-2). ALSO RAN, 2-1 lev Nightingole Song (4th), 11-2 Emmas Brosze, 12 Vickys Double (6th), 14 Jingolst (5th), 16 Syvania Lights, 20 Woodland Dove, 33 Timoly Touch, 10 ran, 9-1, 31, sh hd, 2, let, 4 Jones at Essibury Tota 212 90: 22 10, 22 10, 21, 60 DF E33 50 Timo 212 90: C2 10, 02 10, c1, 60 DF E33 50 Timo 212 90: C2 10, 22 10, c1, 60 DF E33 50 Timo 212 90: C2 10, 22 10, c1, 60 DF E33 50 Timo 12 20 0, 22 10, c1, 60 DF E33 50 Timo 14-1); 2, Just Henry (Mr M Emmanuel, 4-1), 3, Speach Shapa Pride (Air J Ross, 16-1) ALSO RAN 100-30 fav Indrapura (5th), 7-2 Astert, 4 Wendandge Lad (4lth), 9 Delight O'D Dawn (6th) 7 ran 2, 25h, 1-1, 41, 21 K Morgan at Melton Mowthray Tote 224 90; 65 10, 21,50, DF E13 50 CSF E50.59

3.45 (SI 218) dh. MASTERSTROKE (M

E4.00, C3 50 DF: E40 60 CSF- E34 11 4.15 (Im 31 183yd) 1. RUSHEN RAIDER (A Daly, 9-1); 2. Linda's Joy (T. Spraie, 6-1) 3. Westminster (P. Robinson, 7-4 lay). ALSO RAN; 3 Ciracusa (pu) 5 Baynak (4th), Scarle Doncer (pu). 33 Song For Jess (Sin), Sophio Lockott (6th), 8 ran. 9/. 7, 24; 151. 221. K Hoog at Isla Of Man Tote: E19 50; E300, E2 40, E190 DF: E704 50 CSF E50 62. £104 50 CSF £80 62
4.45 (\$1.218yd) 1, MILDEE LAD (G Carter, 7-2]. 2, Crosso Oynnes (T Sprake, 7-4 fav), 3, Mald O'Cannie (J Oyim, 11-4) ALSO RAN 9 Beauchamp (Mot (4th), Liste Borr (5th), 10 Monkey Zarrly (6th), 20 Sandra Dee, 7 ran Nik G, 3-1, 41, 241, A Joneo J, Eastbury, Tota: \$120, £2.40, £1.70 DF (26.60 CSF £10.29) Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,513.59 corried forward to Newbury today). Plecepat £335.30. Quadpot £116.00.

> Wednesday's late details

Brighton 6.15 (5/ 59yd) 1. Silver Spell (D Holland.

RACING

Fallon given five-day '

suspension

KIEREN FALLON received a five-day ban and a £500 fine from the Jockey Club yesterday for riding without having received medical clearance and missing the subsequent inquiry into this offence.

Fallon's ban begins next Tuesday and extends to the Saturday when Ascot stages the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. The ESOO fine related to

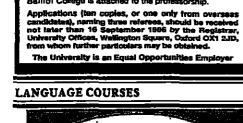
Fallon riding at Southwell on November 24 last year. Four days earlier, the Irishman had complained of feeling unwell and received a "red entry" in

his medical book.

He subsequently failed to gain medical clearance before returning to the saddle and rode on December I without having seen the Jockey Club medical officer. Fallon's offence was spotted after he

returned from riding in India. The jockey missed the inquiry into this eight days ago. claiming that he had incurred traffic problems which prevented him from making it to Portman Square in time.

8.30 (1m) 1, Mushahid IV Corson 11-4): 2, Phantom Quest (10-11 lav): 3, Van Gurb (10-1) 8 ran. Hd. 31 J Dunkop Tote 12-20; 91.70, 91-30 DF 62-00 CSF 65.71. The Jockey Club disciplinary committee found sat Fallon had made insufficient effort to attend or notify the disciplinary committee of his whereabouts and suspended Placepot: £15.50 Quadpot £10.20



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RACING: HOME SECRETARY AGREES TO FORMATION OF ADVISORY GROUP FOR INDUSTRY DISCUSSIONS

BHB denied opportunity to run Tote

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

Those options which involve

changing the existing statu-

tory framework might put at

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CLIFTON FOX

(7.55 Newmarker)

Next best: Young Duke

(5.30 Newbury)

Thundards selected the first five winners at Bath yesterday including Mindrate (12-1)

risk the contribution which

the Tote makes to racing. I

have concluded that, pending

further work on these issues, I

should end the uncertainty

surrounding the future of the

Tote by retaining the statutory

He continued: "In reaching this conclusion, I have had

regard to the wish of the BHB

to take on responsibility for

the Tote. However, while it is

the representative body of

racing, transfer of a public

framework for the present.

RACING has been thwarted in its cherished ambition to take over the running of the Tore but gained an unexpected "sweetener" involving regular meetings with the Home Secretary to discuss the sport's

problems and future. As foreshadowed in The Times in May, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced the pool betting organisation will not be transferred to the British Horseracing Board (BHB) because of a series of complex issues - including the threat of the Tote being effectively dismembered by losing its

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exclusive pool betting licence. Lord Wyan of Weeford, chairman of the Tote since 1976, will retire next April and his £100,000 a year job will be advertised in the next two months. Racing and bookmaking interests will be consulted over the appointment of

a specessor by Howard.
However, the surprise element in a Commons written answer involved Howard accepting a proposal from Lord Wakeham, the BHB chairman, to select a small horse racing advisory group, "who will meet with me from time to time to discuss the general state of, and key issues affect-

ing, the horse racing industry. The group will compliment, not replace, the estabarrangements for

tween government and the asset to a private body such as INDUSTR. the BHB raises complex issues Lord Wakeham said vesterwhich are unlikely to be day that he expected to an-

settled in the short term. nounce the "four or five members" of the new group in "In particular, it would be contentious to vest the Tote in September. There seemed to a private body without combe a strong case for including petitive tender: it might not be a bookmaking representative. Home Office officials have possible to keep the Tote's exclusive licence and the fixed been reviewing options for the odds business might have to future of the Tote since Febrube removed from the Tote." ary 1995, but Howard said:

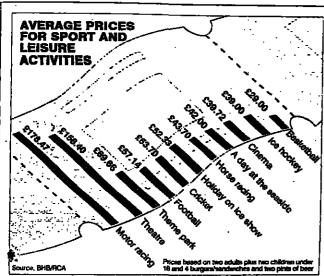
Mr Timothy Kirkhope, the Home Office minister responsible for gambling, said: We didn't want to end up with a situation where the Tote was dismembered or affected in an adverse way because we appreciate it contributes in a

large way to racing."
Howard said the new Tote chairman would be required to support racing and conduct a wide-ranging review of the Tote's operations. Although the government would wish to return to the Tote's status in the future, Kirkhope indicated that could be several years down the road.

Lord Wakeham added: "While there will inevitably be some disappointment that the BHB's ambition to take responsibility for the Tote will not be realised for the time being, racing will. I am sure. recognise the wisdom of not risking the damage to the Tote and it's contribution to racing which, on the basis of analysis to date, could arise from any



Wakeham will announce membership of new advisory group in September



Racing makes appeal in value stakes

money than watching a decent game of football or cricket - and is quarter the price of going to a show in London or seeing the British Grand Prix.

below midway in a league table of average prices for sport and leisure activities, produced by the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and Racecourse Association (RCA).

most racegoers - a significant majority believe racing is good value — but they will come as a shock to non-racegoers who perceive racing to be "expensive".

Just why non-racegoers think the until now little attempt has been made to correct the misconception.

racing's value for money. For example. in most cases children can go free. We have discovered that is not as widely

Britain's 59 racecourses will be supplied with the data and encouraged to contact local newspapers and radio to show how racing offers a value for money day out compared to other leisure pursuits in the area.

The BHB-RCA study included a direct comparison between the cost of going racing and attending a football match in cities which offer both sports. At Newcastle, Nottingham and Exeter av-

The cost of annual membership at racecourses varies from £185 charged by Newmarket and Ayr to £37 at Fakenham. The average cost per meeting for annual members is just £3.64.

By RICHARD EVANS sport is costly is not clear. It may be due A DAY at the races offers better value for to the impression gained by watching prestigious meetings such as Royal Ascot or Goodwood on television, but

In fact, the cost of going racing is well "The findings in our survey show that racing competes favourably at all levels with other leisure activities, and that is a message we have got to get across," Morag Gray of the RCA said yesterday. erage admission fees for racing are well below those charged for football. "Until now we have not taken all the The conclusions may not surprise opportunities to tell people about

NEWMARKET

Navigate, 7,55 Mellottie, 8,25 Ovation, 8,55 Kalabo. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.55 KAAFIH HOMM (nap). 8,55 Kalabo.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.30 SPORTING INDEX SPREAD BETTING

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(3) KORALDONA 6 Balding 9-6	-11000000000000000000000000000000000000
16) 02-0 TINA KATERINA 179 R Champion 8-3 6 Bardwell 7	7
-1 Sharp Shufille, 7-2 Unicle George, 4-1 Eurobox Boy, 9-2 Sylvelia, 6-1 Swe morel, 8-1 Sharmood, 10-1 others.	Ħ

6.55 HORSE RACING ABROAD HANDICAP

(24,239: D1) (7)

1 (7) 5031 CTM BOM BOM 10 (V.D.F.S) M Bell 49-12 (Sex)

5 faulture (7)

2 (6) 5103 FM YOUR LADY 21 (D.F. B McMahon 5-9-11. 6 Carlor 93

3 (2) 2134 ALMAS 15 (D.B.F.G) C Wall 49-9 W Woods 94

4 (5) 400- MASRUF 310 (D.F.) I Thomson Jones 49-9 S Sendors 90

5 (1) 0040 BE WARNED 18 (D.F.G) N Callaghan 5-9-7 W Carson 95

6 (4) 4-04 ALMASA RYTTM 15 N Arricang 3-9-4. M Roberts 98

7 (3) 0330 NOINO OF LIGHT 11 (6) R Guest 3-9-1. J Review 5-1

5-2 Cam Born Born, 3-1 (im Your Lady, Almass, 7-2 Be Warned, 8-1 Rumba Rhythm 25-1 Massuf Kind Cit Light 7.25 LOUIS ROEDERER CHAMPAGNE MAIDEN

STAKES (£4,230: 61) (6)

(3) 304- DISPUTED 322 M Jarvis 3-9-0. . . . P Robinson (4) 8420 AAMGATE 14 R Hazono 3-9-0. . . . Dane O'Nelli (3) (2) 0-4 PAOLIBING 2 | Cumani 3-9-0. Outbris 72 (5) 022 PRESENT GENERATION 19 R Guest 3-9-0 | J Raid 98 (7) 022 ACIDEAU ELGANT 34 N Calaghan 3-8-9 | S Withbrooth 6) 0223 HANNALOU 7 S Woods 3-8-9 . W Woods 96 2-1 Present Generation, 9-4 Nanegate, 9-2 Paoputec, 6-1 Disputed, Harastru. 25-1 Cadesu Dogast

7.55 SPORTING INDEX HANDICAP

(27, 440.1 (III 21) (12)
7 (9) 45- MSSEL 457 (5) M Johnston 4-10-0 K M Chin (5) 87
2 (12) 01-4 MELIOTTE 19 (C.D.F.G) Mrs M Reveley 11-9-12 G Lize (5) 88
3 (5) 0200 MOVING ARPOW 13 (F.G) Mrs S Holl 5-9-11 ... J Raid 1/7 (20) Mrs G MESTAM 481 (0.17) B LAbulation 8-5 C Carter 5 (2) 0002 ROMAGOS 7 (D.G.S.) P Cok 4-9-1 T. Outro 6
6 (3) 3782 C LEFTON ROX 14 (F.G.) G Grove 4-9-0 S D Wilsons 95
7 (11) 0000 BOB'S PLOY 9 (D.F.) M Tompisca 4-8-12 ... P Robinson 88 (6) 40-0 SPL TAWA 87 (F) G Wrong 4-8-9 ... M HBs 96
9 (8) 2002 APOLLOND 24 (F) J Factories 4-8-8 ... N Day 96
10 (4) 3005 ROMERYEY DANCER 14 (D.F.G.) A Baley 4-8-8 D Wilson 63) 90
11 (10) 106 MORTHERIN LAW 300 (F) Libin Berry 4-8-7 P McCarte (3) 90
12 (1) 3042 KAAFH HOMM 4 (C.D.BF F.G.S) H Categian 5-7-10 W Caston 96

3-1 Romans, 5-1 Kasilin Homm, 6-1 Clitton Fox, Kommeyev Dancier, 7-3 Moving Arrow 8-1 Medicine, Applicate, 10-1 others.

8.25 MARK GORSUCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £4,425: 7f) (11)

(5) 4 AMID THE STARS 20 R Boss 8-11 M Roberts B5
(4) CATWALK W Hogges 8-11 M A Mits
(1) 2 SHAYVIR 13 (BF) I Dunkey 8-11 W Carson
(7) SHERRIFGAUM 4 Forter 8-11 D Hoband —
(8) LOGIC C Britain 8-11. R Mits
(10) MAMMETIS 50 n Surpor 8-11 J Rend. —
(11) OMATION P Cole 8-11. T Outon
(3) FEAMS OF VERSE H Coal 8-11 W Ryan
(8) 54 ROCK FANTAS '28 C Marroy 8-11 M Tebber 92
(9) VELOUR D Loder 8-11 D R MicCabe —
(9) VELOUR D Loder 8-11 D R MicCabe —
(1) OWATION C GENERAL STANDARD C GROWN C GROW 3-1 Repris Di Verse, 4-1 Graypur, 5-1 Manuello 6-1 Ovation, 7-1 Velour 6-1 Shouk, 12-1 others

8.55 sporting endex match bet conditions stakes (£5.602: 1m 4!) (3)

4-6 Kalabo, 5-2 Masehoah, 4-1 Suranom.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

THARRERS: H Cool, 65 wanners from 274 numbers, 23.7%; D Loder, 20 from 96, 20.8%; S bin Sanoer, 4 from 24, 16.7%; P Cole, 28 from 195, 14.4%; L Currani, 33 from 271, 12.2%; 6 Wrage, 14 from 125, 11.2%; JUCKEYS, D R McCabe, 11 wreners from 69 roles, 15.9%; J Wearer, 23 from 180, 12.5%; Care D Well, 6 from 54, 11.1%; W Carsan, 53 from 484, 11.0%; T Quern, 37 from 338, 10.9%; S Sanders, 4 from 38, 10.9%;

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Musselburgh: 2.10 Thewrightone 4.10 Foolish Flutter, 4.40 Champeone N Dreams, Pointefract: 6.45 Danchill Princess, Southwell: 2.20 Dear Emily 3.20 Girme 4.20 Tagle Wind, Pillow Talk, 4.50 Island Vision.

NEWBURY

2.30 Jawhan 3.00 Warning Time

3.30 Mayllower

4.00 Call Me 4.30 Shamanic 5.00 invest Wisely 5.30 Young Duke

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating; 4,00 FROG. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Frog.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Contract in lateral races). Going on which have has with (F — lum, good to lum, hard 6 — good 5 — only good to soil heavy). Demor in brockets Trainer Age and weight floor plat as, allowance

GOING, GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-1M. HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ECCHINSWELL MAIDEN STAKES

2-7	-0 £3,649) [.] 61 8yd) (13 runners)
2	(5) (2)	O ABACAXO 36 (Long Vestey) R Chanson 9-0
	(1) (2) (2)	CREMA PARADISO (C Whys): F Cox 9-0 M Miss 5 CRYMATIOS 11 A Roberton J Amost 9-0 C Ruster 0 DESAS BIRD 11 (C FOR MARKIN 9-0 Page 1) Page 0 Third (C)
3	iii (Le	D DEFAUL EDING IT (C Feet R Navers 9-0 Came O'Need (3) JANKARI (-1 A) Makhami J Dertep 9-0 W Carson G JANKARI (-1 Repert R +65-9-0 G Brace (7)
3	(*). (*)	LLDD (U Person) R Harmon 3-0 J Red DLDO (A Speciment P Cate 9-0 T Open)
** <u>*</u>	 	REGAL EQUITY (A Hebras) 3 (Septem 9-1) M Tebbus SYCAMORE BOY (G. Moore) 1993 (Northograph 9-0) D Harmson
•	*	PERCHANCE TO DREAM (Not 5 Lock 5 Mortan 3-9 S Drowne (3) SONSANDRA C Shelbert, W February Rocke, 2-9 D Holland

1 Al Artis (1-1 Abacta) Emiliar Euglis E-1 Systemate Boy 12-1 omers 1995 SHANGKO 9-0 3 Red (11-8 by) P Chappe Hyam 13 ran

FORM FOCUS #BACARD 119 St. of 12 to Eucon Rage of master | 35 GEOrgis) by Peting Indi-brother to 71 parents over more a confidence (good to farm) CRIENA PROCESSO (see of the 32 cond 27 000 prof. 5, 752 for an individual to whose to farm and a condition of a rest of respect to the AATHARD MORE 80Y 16th 71 by Moodman second but the condition of the conditio

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3.	00	WATE	RMILL CONDITIONS STAKES (25,025, 71 64yd)	(7 runners)	_	
4	140	4-21-11	BREEN PERPORE 7 (D.F.G) (Lord Sander) P Cally 4-9-12	7 Cuino	93	
777	if:	45-2010	EVERGLADES 8 (CD.F.G) (Not. 5 Luction in Country 8-9-5	S Sanders	90	
727	r.	410300		. T Sprake	96	
254	ıξi	050413-	STAR OF ZILZAL 266 [D.F.G] (IAxx) Al Madram) M Siguir 49-0	. J Reid	93	
205	(4)		FUNCHAL WAY IL Harley N Bachage 48-11	A McGlone		
228	151	32135-	BRILLIANT RED 308 (O.F.) (MRH Proce Fand Salman) P Cole 3-8-1	C Rutter	84	
2.7	(5)	32-0320	WARRENG TIME 34 (F.G) (F Wilson) & Meetian 3-8-7	W Carson	88	

95TTING: 5-4 Steen Perlame, 7-2 Star (म ट्राइब), 9-2 Han विल्लापुरक्रक, 50-1 Functial Way	d To Figure. 6-1 Brolland Red. 10-1 Warrung Time, 12-1				
1995: ALLEMANDE 3-8-8 G Hind (16-1) J Gosden 10 mm					
FORM FOCUS					
GREEN PERFUNE beat Hi Ned 1/1 in conditions race at York (Tip., good), EVERGLADES beat Hi Ned chard-bead in 5-names backing here (7), asset	conditions race at Bath (1m, good to larm) last season. BRILLIANT RED beat Nosely Name 31/4 in 11 months making at Konstee (2) want to fine.				

3.30 CHATTIS HILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,493: 5f 34yd) (5 runners)

. FORM	Focus
OUEEN (losted Apr 11, cost 13,000pms). By Lahib,	Spirit in malden at Warwick (SI, Firm). MA
tait-sister to 70°m juverale womer Ousiny, dam	ER (Feb 2). By Midyan, second local, dar
placed over 61 as a juverale CHLOE NICOLE (Feb	winner. SONG OF SKYE (Mar 26). By
9). By Personal Flag, sister to 1cp 20 womer in	reti-sister to 6f juverife winner Stolen Me
France and coeful winning French maler, dam 51-1m	71 winner Xingdom Princess, dare 51 w

BETTIMS: 6-4 Chico Microle, 5-2 Mayflower, 4-1 Gops, 9-2 Blues Queen, 14-1 Song Ol Stop

			E HURSE FILLIES HANDICAP	
(3-Y	-U: Y	3,000: 1	m 2t 6yd) (9 ruaners) -	
401	(6)		DRAMATIC MOMENT 22 (D,F) (Mrs R Plummer) ! Balding 9-7 Martin Dwyer (5)	85
402	. M	4-534	MUA-TAB 17 (BF) (H Al Makkoum) P Wateryn 9-7 W Carson	89
403	(9)	5-003	PCLISH WIDOW 20 (A Oppenhermer) 6 Wragg 9-7 M Hills	91
404	(4)		CALL ME 10 (6) (6 Ress) C Thomson 9-7 D McKaown	91
405	(8)		PROMISSORY 25 (B Vosk) C Brittain 9-7 M Roberts	82
406	(5)		FROG 2 (D,F) (B Hagges) M Prescott 9-4 (Sec) W Woods	
407	(2)	440	TEA PARTY 16 (A Richards) N. Cunsingham-Brown 9-0	94
408	(1)		LAVENDER DELLA 22 (Abrorat Ltd) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 M Henry (3)	93
409	(3)	50-0	BUDDING ANNIE 74 (P Deal) J Bostey 8-5	80
BETTO	NG: 94	1 Frog, 3-1	Polish Widon, Frog. 4-1 Diametr. Mannent, 8-1 May-Tab, Call Me, 12-1 Promessory, 1	14-1

BETTINE: 9-4 Fing. 3-1 Polish Widon, Frog. 4-1 Darrett: Moment, 8-1 Mars-Tab, Call Me. 12-1 Promissory, 14-1 others		
1995: £MILY-MOU 8-8 B D	Ocyle (12-1) B Meshan 9 ran	
FORM	FOCUS	
DRAMATIC MOMENT beal Tarum St in 17-runner master lapsicap at Salesbury (1m 31, good to firm) with LAVENDER DELLA (145 better off) 17 16th MUA-TAB 14 th of 6 to Described in handscap at Chepstow (1m 31, good to firm) POLISH WIDOW 21 and neck 3rd to 7 to Mawingo in handicap at Newsmarks (1m, good)	CALL ME 11/41 3rd of 6 to Lady Barriers in rating splated stakes at Postetract (1m 21, good to tirm). FROG beat Allstars Express 31 in 6-numer brandcap at Brophion (1m 21, firm). LAVEADER DELLA 29/1 2nd of 5 to Cd Cupor Targeting in rating related malden at Bath (1m 21, good). Selection: DRAMATIC MORRENT (rep)	

4.30 SHRIVENHAM HANDICAP (£5,540: 6f Byd) (10 runners)

1995; TOP BANANA 4-9-10 W Novemes (5-4 lav) H Candy 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NV COMMISSION beat Spaniards Close 2%) in union claimer at Memplon (61, good to imm) MANANCE 31 and 91 to Checlowicka in handicap Epison (71, good to imm), SILENT EXPRESSION 81 2nd of 7 to Daving Deskry in conditioner race Newmarket (61, good). NIDEN POUND beat Cheeky Chappy 11 in 10- mer handicap at Episom (61, good to imm) MR	BAYIN 31 2nd of 18 to Double Splendour in hands- cap at York (51, good)

5.00 THAMES VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HANDICAP

	(35	1-00404	MAST AUSTA 5 (1.9) (1.2008) 1 Fritzio 4-10-0	
	(2)	21453-1	MOONE IGHT OLIEST 16 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. J. Lamb) 8 Hambury 8-9-12 W Ryan 93	
	ΙN	862262	STLENTLY 16 (F.S.) (P Mellon) Balong 4-9-10 7 Quinn 96	
	(6)	2-24450	UNCHANGED 31 (D.F.S.) (M. Simmonds) C. Britain 4-9-4 M. Roberts 93	
	(5)	0-22302	GREAT EASEBY 9 (D Bailey) W Storey 6-8-5	
	(4)	201503	COLFROGE 14 (B.D.F.G.S) (P Sheehan) J Sheehan 8-7-13 M Henry (3) 98	
	G: 3-		iseby, 5-2 towest Wisely, 7-2 Mountight Quest, 6-1 Silently, 6-1 Utochanged, 12-1	
rid	98.			
		400	E. WINETAL 'C DADANICE 1.2.6 W Proven (6.4 les) 3 During & con	

FORM FOCUS

MOONLIGHT QUEST beat Lucky Com 61 to hand-cap at Yamordh (1m 61, good to firm). SILENTILY 17 2nd to Soveregan Prage on handscap at Warwick (1m 31, 8mm) UNCHARDED B1 5th to Prandists Waters in handscap at Both (1m 51, good) GREAT Selection: MOONLIGHT QUEST

5.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,636; 7f) (8 numbers)

2	(5)		EASY JET 20 (Crown Partnership) Lord Huntangdon 4-9-9 D Hardson	
3	(7)	10-0143	XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 27 (CO.F.S) (Abagail Ltd) M F-Godley 3-9-8 D Holland	9
1	(8)	002800	MESTER FIRE EYES 28 (B.D.F.G.S) (C Otley) C Britain 4-9-5 M Roberts	9
5			YOUNG DUKE 23 (D.F.6) (Mrs S Virillams) Mrs S Williams 8-9-1 P McCabe (3)	
6	(1)	54-654 0	WINISOME WOOSTER 11 (6.5) (Mass A Randamy) P Mouphy 5-8-8 S Drowne (3)	9
7			CHELI HEIGHTS 225J (V.C.D.G.S) (B Attenborough) & Balong 6-8-4 T Sprake	
8	(3)	300-058	DEERLY 21 (G) (D & C Holder) C Smith 3-7-13 C Refer	8
SETTE	G 9	4 f257 Jel.	3-1 Young Duke 4-1 Xerombon Of Conma, 6-1 Chill Heights, 8-1 others	
			1005: SAFEV ANA A.O.A W Rose /0.TL R Manhors 17 ran	

FORM FOCUS

EASY JET 2'x1 and of 8 to Concer Lin in B-uniner handscap at Rath (1nt. hum) XENOPHON OF CU-MAXA 2) and short-head last of 3 to Posity or nating related states at Lingded (7), firm). YOUNG DURE best States at Lingded (7), firm). YOUNG DURE best States at Lingded (7), firm). YOUNG DURE best states at Lingded (8) and 12 to Barret Of Hope in apprentices that the state of 12 to Barret Of Hope in apprentices and destination at Kengdon 971. good as firm) with WINSOME WINSOME WINSOME Selection: EASY JET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS 20 110 51 29 25 181 25.0 J Red 18.2 W Carson 17.6 W Ryan 13.8 R Cochrane 12.0 S Sanders 11.0 I Quann Miss 6 Kallenby R Charlion
B Hashuty
G Wragg
J Euslace
P Cole

□ Norman Williamson narrowly escaped serious injury on the second day of his comeback in Ireland. Williamson bruised his left leg and right arm after his mount, Fair Society, was brought down in the Evening Echo Handicap Hurdle at Killarnev yesterday. Williamson missed a large part of last season as a result of breaking his leg and dislocating his shoulder.

PONTEFRACT THUNDERER 6.45 Hurgill Times. 7.10 Admirals Secret. 7.40 CAPTAIN CARAT (nap). 8.10 Glowing Jade. 8.40 Tart. 9.10 Bowlers Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 JACK BERRY APPEAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,534 6f) (12 runners)

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1		MANKATO 20 0 Cospone 8-10 .	L Newton (5) !
- 2	00	PRESENTIMENT 14 J Berry 8-10	K Darley (
3	4	HURGAL TIMES 21 J Wats 8-5	. J Carroll :
- Ā		JEDI KNIGHT M W Easterby 8-5 .	G Parkin (5) 1
5	0	SCIUTHERLY WIND 18 Mrs J Ramaden 8-5	k fallon 10
6	Ō	WHY O SIX 8 R Fatey B-5 .	Papi Eddery 4
- 7	-	WILDMOOR J Bethell 8-5	W J O'Comor 1
8	æ	NOT A LOT 17 M W Easterby 8-3.	Dale Gibson 12
ğ		SAM PETR A Faire R-7	J Stack
10	2235	DANIEHILL PRINCESS 6 (V.BF) R Hollarches	1 B-0 F Lynch (3) i
11	04	DANIEHKLI PRINCESS 6 (V.BF) R Hollarsheet LE SHUTTLE 27 M Tomplans 7-12	J Chuken S
1.	00	LOCH-HURN LADY 74 K Hogg 7-12	N Kennedy a
7 . IA	and To	non 4.1 Mandrale Met & Lei 5.1 Danetall Pill	ncess 10-1 others

7.10 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION

HANDICAP (£3,210: 1m 4f 8yd) (8)		
1 0435 GREEN LAND 22 (D.F.G.) S Williams 4-9-11		
Green Land, Broughtons Formula, 12-1 others		

COURSE SPECIALISTS PRANERS: Mrs. J. Ramsden, 32 winners from 163 runners, 19 6%, 1 5 M Reveley, 22 from 124, 17 7%, 6 Wragg, 5 from 30, 16 7%, J. Walts, 5 from 32, 15.6%, J. Slover, 9 from 67, 13 4%, R. Hollinshead, 19 from 174, 10 9%. JOCKEYS: S Copp. 5 wanters from 11 rides, 45 5%; K Fallon, 35 from 180, 21.1% F Lynch, 3 from 19, 15 5%, J Clumm 12 from 100, 12.0%, F Darley, 21 from 191, 11 0%, Alex Gresnes, 3 from 28, 10 7%

SOUTHWELL

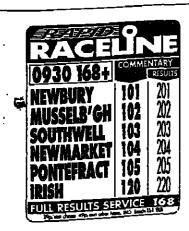
2.20 Sassiver. 2.50 Full O'Praise. 3.20 Lawful Love. 3.50 War Whoop. 4.20 Trade Wind. 4.50 Island

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM 2.20 FISHERTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,425, 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners) 1 40-0 SASSAYER 34 (F.6.) F relicator 6-11-13... A P McCoy
1 40-0 SASSAYER 34 (F.6.) F relicator 6-11-13... R Gatest
2 6-45 BEAT THE RAP 6 (F.6.) D Monts 10-11-6... R Gatest
3 -3-31 OEAR EMBY 16 (V) J Switers 8-11-3
4 RAIL RAINCHECK 53 M Campon 5-10-7
5 040- SANTH BEHEET 62 (V.F.6.) 5 Protrictioneu 8-10-5
6 466- SANTH BEHEET 62 (V.F.6.) 5 Protrictioneu 8-10-5
6 466- SANTH MAGEC 57 (F.5.) J Bennett 6-10-4
7 UNP- MR SOX 74 Miss 1 Shully 5-10-0
R Davis

SASSAY 1 A D Machael 7 No Empl. 5-1 Real The Dec. 7 1 arthur

5-2 Sassrer, 3-1 Ramcheck, 7-2 Dear Emily, 5-1 Best The Rap, 7-1 others 2.50 LEEDS HANDICAP CHASE (£4.498: 2m) (4)

1 23-6 RRL O'RANSE 41 (D.F.G) P Cairer 9-12-0. A P McCoy 2 5-13 NOBLELY 16 (D.F.G.S) N Waker 9-11-6 R Farrant 3 30-5 MAGGOTS GREEN 35 (D.G.S) J Badler 9-10-0 B Harring 4 P33 CIRCULATION 51 (D.G.S) 0 McCan 10-10-0 B Harring 4-7 Noblety, 2-1 Full O'Praice, 10-1 Maggot: Green, 14-7 Citrulation



2 June 4 Sementeria out 21 (pr.) 3 Junio 3-5-5 J Calin 5 9-4 Frasterre, 3-1 Sementeria, 7-2 Cralgratio, 4-1 Sense Ol Priority, 5-1 Boules. Box

3.20 IGGESUND TIMBER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.566 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

2. A D CONTAIS LYCKNOILES INVIDENT INCIDE	_
£2,346; 2m) (7)	
2-55 PEGASUS BAY 22 W Haigh 5-11-5	ì Cer
D. THE LITTLE FERRET 32F A Moore 6-11-5	B Po
3 PSS/ TONY'S DEUGHT 18F J Jenkins B-11-5 J	Osbo
a az camaren prines 16 H Alexader 4-11-2	1 10
e o eccessi (70 97 & Audio 4.11)	r me
2 201 MAR MANORP 95 (F) C Thombot 4-11-2	M LO
7 D SMOCKING 16 Miss K George 6-11-0 P Mi	Long
The Company Server Rev. 4.1 Terre's Delight 16	.1 offe

4.20 BMI THE PARK HOSPITAL SELLING HURDLE

1	133-	NORLE SOCETY 44F (CD.F) K Waggare 8-11-12 J Ryar
2	006-	TRADE WIND 1F (V.F) J O'Shes 5-11-5. Michael Brennan (5)
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7	000	THE THERE IS K McAdelin 9-10-12
2		SECOND TO A SECOND A LANGE A 7-10-12
ş	-	THE DAME 97 & Malker Head 6-10-12
6	4 # E	: AMPED 20 B. kerke. 4-10-4
	000	PA INSTAD 251 S CHROCON 6-10-/
.,,	UN-	PRILOW TALK 18F (B) S Caragion 5-10-7 FI Gues
10	464	LATING INCH IN THE STATE OF LAND AND A SUR NAMED
-4 No	al Tim	e 11-4 Lances, 3-1 Hoble Society, 6-1 Trade Whod, 12-1 Kempetis.

4.50 EDINGLEY HANDICAP HURDLE

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

court CHAULE 55 (D.E) J Balding 3-9-8 J Edmands (7) 6 3 1825 STANDOWN 8 (D.E.S.) J Beny 3-9-8 K Darby 4 4 3316 SMG WRIN THE BAND 14 (D.E.F.,6) B McMahon 5-9-7 5 6264 CAPTAIN CARAT 2 (CD.F.,6) Nns J Ramsden 5-9-6 K Fatton 7 6 3211 CHEEKY CHAPPY 9 (B.D.F.6) D Chapman 5-9-6 (Pop.) J Duton 1 7 0240 METAL BOYS 2 (CD.F.&S) McS L Sockal 9-9-10 W J O'Connor 1 8 0023 JUST DISSIDENT 3 (F) R Whitales 4-9 D McClaower 8 3-1 Captam Carat, 7-2 Chestly Chaptey, 4-1 Just Dissalent, 9-2 Challos, 6-1 Metal Boys, Sing With The Band. Royal Dame, 12-1 Standown.

7.40 ANTONIA DEUTERS HANDICAP

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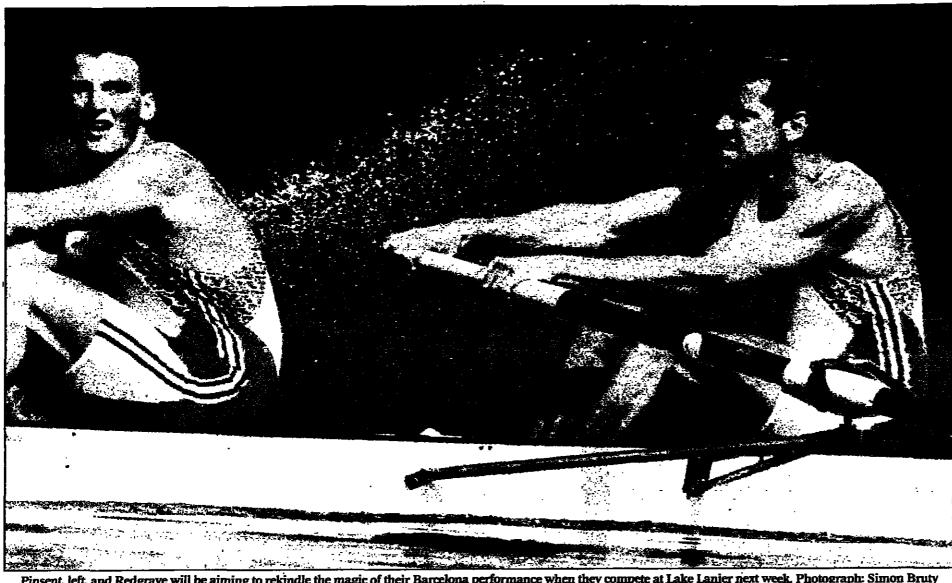
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Pinsent, left, and Redgrave will be aiming to rekindle the magic of their Barcelona performance when they compete at Lake Lanier next week. Photograph: Simon Bruty

Heartbreakers feel pulse of victory

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

THE builder's son and the parson's son, one nine years older than the other, one dyslexic and the other an Oxford graduate. One moody, driven, and deeply introspective; the other respectful of his unique colleague, yet a catalytic harmoniser. Together, brilliant. Physically beautiful. Technically, near perfect. Unbeatable.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent can, alone, make the centenary Olympic Games memorable for Britain. They bring to rowing what Lasse Viren, of Finland, did to running. Endurance plus a devastating finish. The defence of their coxless pairs title at Lake Lanier tomorrow week should be one of the epic moments of the next fortnight. They are the Rolls and the Royce of the British Olympic

Redgrave is reaching for a record unequalled in modern times by anyone other than Al Oerter, the United States discus gold medal-winner at four Olympics. Besides three golds and one bronze, the latter in the coxed pairs in 1988, Redgrave has six world championship golds. Pinsent has an Olympic gold and four

in the 2km race. In the past four years they have trained the equivalent of 30 hours for each stroke. There are seven minutely-synchronised phases to one stroke. In unison, the massive power of two men is concentrated, funnelled, delivered and released through two small blades as though it came from one motor. There shouldn't be a single stroke not thought out," Redgrave said. Never mind that their heartrates soar beyond 160 as they near the finish.

About to row the first race of the season this year, in Italy, against most of their expected rivals in Atlanta, Redgrave murmured to Pinsent, sitting in front of him: "They've been dreaming of winning Olympic gold all winter. Let's take their dream away." They did, at canter. The intimidating prospect

for every other pair is that the two Britons can match anyone's endurance, at any strikerate, for seven-eighths of the race and then produce a demolishing sprint over the last 250 metres.

That is what they did at the Banyoles course four years ago in Barcelona, and it was one of the most awesome sights of the Games. While the hair's-breadth victory of the Searle brothers in the coxed pairs was the race of the Games, the crushing margin

was the performance of the Games. Their target for next Saturday is to go four seconds

faster. For no reward other than the grant and sponsorthat ship bring in upwards £30,000 year, much of

it absorbed in training and travelling expenses, they have continued their search for flawless balance and rhythm under stress. So focused has been their monk-like devotion to the cause, they have not paused to think how they will partner, Simon Beresford,

Redgrave flies the flag

been given the unique honour of carrying the Union Jack for the second time, at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The three-time gold medalwinning oarsman, who is favourite to collect a fourth next week, with his partner, Mathew Pinsent will make history by leading the Great

"The one thing we do know," Pinsent said, is that it will

be easier with a gold medal in your hand." Of course they might lose. but it is never a possibility contemplate.

They came together in 1990. With Andy Holmes, Redgrave had won the coxless pairs in Seoul two years before, while Pinsent was still a junior world championship gold medal-winner. In the winter of 1989, Redgrave's new

Olympic stadium, in front of the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, and Princess Anne. The 34-year-old coxless pairs champion, from Marlow, who will be repeat-ing the role be carried out in Barcelona four years ago, said: "This is my last Olympics and this is a tremendous

was injured and the merger with Pinsent, Redgrave reflects, "was a natural".

Their harmony surprised even rowing acquaintances, the more so when Jürgen Grobler, their coach, switched Redgrave to the back of the boat. Could he, difficult and, in many ways, a loner, accept

"I think we're quite good at communicating," Pinsent said, perhaps overlooking that his articulate manner helps make this possible. "We pick out each other's moods, we compete with each other [in training schedules, in strength trials] but it never spills over into something you can't leave at the [locker room] door. There are no grudges." Redgrave, reluctant to articulate, a man who had left school at 16 and by the time he met his wife had hardly read a book, had been known to

throw things. Yet so huge is Redgrave's capacity for work, so unsparing his self-denial, so exceptional his rowing talent, that Pinsent felt emotionally bonded to him by admiration. if nothing else. When they won in 1992, they instinctively knew that they would continue to Atlanta. Together they had discovered a sporting liaison with which few are blessed. Such is the mental

synchronisation in the boat

that Redgrave can read Pinsent's moment-by-moment reaction merely by looking at his back. In the extremes of fatigue that rowers experience, they feel no pain. If there is pain in a race, then they know something is wrong. At the conclusion of heats and semifinals, they never show elation or weariness: that would reveal to rivals that they were relieved, or drained. Heartbreakers indeed.

They have that pure, absolute ambition of the greatest sports performers, such as Matthews or Hutton or Coe: to define themselves by their achievements. Should any commercial reward come their way, it will be nice but coincidental. "We train each day till we know we have done enough." Pinsent said, as it it were a matter of clearing up paperwork at the office.

They smile unresentfully at confusion among the public about their fame. "Is the little guy with you today?" is often the question from those confusingly referring to Johnny Herbert, the Searle's cox at Banyoles, who burst into tears on the victory podium. Redgrave and Pinsent have only the Atlanta podium on their minds, but if they should fail, then they might try again.
"We'd want to do something about it," Redgrave said,

Body of water forced to go against the flow

ou hear a lot about "sacrifice" at the Olympics. I am not happy with the term: you can't really sacrifice something for your-self, can you? But it is true that elite athletes have chosen not to live like the rest of us. They have done so in order not to be like the rest of us.

They do not even look like the rest of us. The best place to understand that is at the pool, since the athletes are more or less naked in front of you. William Burroughs called the human body "the soft machine"; watching the swimmers. you can see that he was right about machine, but wrong about soft.

What is it that these people. supreme athletes to a man, to a woman have - no, not sacrificed - but anyway done to get like this? And what parts of normal life have they given up? Tom Dolan has

given up breathing.

A bit extreme, that Dolan stands oft oin and is a lean, pared-down 12st 12lb, including earring and goatee. And he suffers from asthma: so badly that twice he has passed out in the pool. This is a fairly dangerous place to choose for passing out. "I went under. Grabbed a lane-rope. Felt really out of it. Then I got out and sat in a chair. That's when it really came on," he said.

Dolan also has a congeni-tally narrow windpipe. It is 20 per cent narrower than it should be. Breathing, then, is not a straightforward business for Dolan. He never knows when a problem will flare up. Mostly it happens during practice, but that is because he spends most of his life practising; like most elite swimmers, he swims upwards of 100 kilometres a week. But it has happened in competi-tion as well. "I just try not to worry about it," he said.

A lot of swimmers have asthma: in fact, many asthmatic children go into the sport because doctors believe it is good for the condition.

But exercise can also prompt asthma attacks. For Dolan, sport is a permanent threat to his well-being. Something perpetually in ambush, loss of feeling in his arms and gs and then black-ou condition would probably diminish if he gave up trying to be a champion. "I am a competitive person, it doesn't matter if I can't breathe or if I pass out.

There is plenty of medication available to asthma sufferers, but most of it is banned for competitive athletes. This grieves Dolan, because he reckons he would go faster if he took them. Athletes are like that, you see.

He shares the spotlight in the United States swimming team with Janet Evans. She is now at her third Olympic



Atlanta sketch

Games and has four gold medals. She is 24 and bubbling over with excite about her impending

retirement 'I want my shoulders to shrink so I can wear sundresses," she said. "So I won't swim for at least a year. I'm looking forward to sleeping in and not smelling of chlorine After ten years of chlorinated water and looking at a black line — I just want to try

something else." There is not an ounce of regret in her voice, still less self-pity. She has achieved wonderful things, but they do not come without a lot of years and a lot of chlorine. It has not been a life like anybody else's.

And then to the pool, where Evans, like an old lag, is counting her work-outs to retirement. "Six more! Six more!" All swimmers look extraordinary, as I say, but there, at a corner, are the most extraordinary of all. This is the China women's team.

↑ hey seem neither begotten nor made, rather extruded by some extraordinary industrial process. So sleek and smooth: there appears to be an extra muscle, one that the rest of us don't possess, grafted onto the front of their thighs.

I saw a swimmer from Taiwan walk past them, same Chinese features but a normal, if wonderfully athletic, body. Ying Shan, the biggest of the women from China, is tipped to win the 100 metres e. She rose tron pool for a moment's break in her work-out, powerful and impossibly smooth, and for a moment you wondered if she was able to breathe on land.

What has she "sacrificed" to become such a person? What life has she led? But Chinese athletes operate through a veil of mystery, one pierced by occasional revelations. The diver, Fu Mingxia, did not see her parents for the three years before she became world champion at the age of 12 Hunter S. Thompson said it: "When the going gets tough, the weird get going."

Pound survives an unlikely challenge

FROM DAVID MILLER

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC), it is alleged, is run by old men out of touch with sport. With the election to the executive board this week of Thomas Bach, of Germany, an Olympic fencing champion in 1976, there are now six medal-winners serving on the board.

There are two champions, Pal Schmitt, of Hungary, also in fencing, and Bach. Kevan Gosper, of Australia, on the track, and Chic Igaya, of Japan, in skiing, both won silver medals. Richard Pound, of Canada, a swimmer, and Anita DeFrantz, of the United States, in rowing, each won

On Wednesday, the IOC narrowly avoided acute embarrassment when Pound was elected vice-president by only two votes, 46-48, ahead of Ashwini Kumar, of India. If Pound, a Montreal QC, were paid for the services he ren-ders to the Olympic movement as honorary executive, it would cost several hundred thousand dollars a year. He is the negotiator who has se-cured, from television and

sponsors, deals worth several billion dollars that make the Games secure up to 2008. Additionally, he chairs two important commissions dealing with new sources of finance and co-ordination of the

Games. To have rejected him would have been absurd. The trouble is that Pound has been his own worst enemy, intolerant of fools and impatient with rank-and-file IOC members. "Maybe I'm not the most charismatic." he reflected. shocked by the apparent snub

from half the members. The vote was a reflection of two factors: resentment from the floor of his aloof power and long-term manoeuvring by rival candidates to succeed Juan Antonio Samaranch as president, such as Dr Un Yong Kim, of South Korea, and Mario Vazquez Rana, of Mexico. Kumar, elderly and dignified, was no more than a pawn for Pound's attempted removal. The message, however, is loud and clear. There are voters out there who have to be politically courted if the IOC is to stay on course. Fame helps Van Almsick's fortune Craig Lord on whether the queen of The richest swimmers in

the world have arrived in Atlanta and are ready to capitalise on their communist past. Amid the melee of medal-chasers, coaches and cameramen at the Georgia Tech pool, it was easy to find the richest woman in the sport. Just follow the line of 40 or more zoom lenses.

At the end was Franziska van Almsick, born in East Germany but long-since blessed with the riches of the west. The frenzy over "Franzi" understandable, the allure of her aquatic eminence sharpened by the chiselled features of a catwalk model

and a propensity to drama.

This weekend will be the most important of her sports career, and her bank balance, for years to come. Between her and an Olympic title stand the Chinese, first in the 100 metres freestyle early tomorrow, and then on Sunday, when she will line up in the 200 metres with Chinese newcomers worthy of replacing Lu Bin, who was suspended for steroid abuse after finishing runner-up to the German schoolgirl at the world championships in 1994. Also in the reckoning in the latter is Claudia Poll, a tall Costa Rican of German extraction but at the pool yesterday,

swimming can find her golden crown

all focus was on van Almsick, who has attracted DM5 million (about £2.1 million) since winning four medals, none gold, at Barcelona in 1992.

Poll, practising two lanes over, was all but ignored by the German media, a dozen of whom are employed solely to follow their star. The South American, who begins training at 4am in water measuring 13°C, claims to have earned "virtually nothing from my

The only European woman likely to steal van Almsick's thunder is Krizstina Egerszegi, of Hungary, who has also benefited from early beginnings in a regimented state system but who now wallows in the financial rewards of her excellence.



Van Almsick, paddles strapped to her hands, trains at the Georgia Tech pool in Atlanta yesterday

Egerszegi was 14 when she first won the 200 metres backstroke title, in Seoul, and she went on to retain the title in Barcelona. Her mastery of water is such that the element appears to make way for her, hardly a wave to be seen as the long purple-painted finger-nails that she has made her trade-mark break the surface. The Hungarian postponed retirement in 1994 after defeat and the loss of her world 100 metres backstroke record to He Cihong, one of an army of Chinese debutantes.

Atlanta will be the wansong of "Eger" (which is Hungarian for mouse), who is recognisable to 98 per cent of her compatriots and who has ploughed a substantial part of her earnings into her business, The Mousehole, one of the most popular restaurants in Budapest.

If she retains her 200 metres backstroke title, she will join Dawn Fraser in the history books, the Australian being the only swimmer to win an Olympic title at three Games. Lasting fame also beckons for Alexander Popov, the Russian who aims to becaome the first man since Johnny "Tar-Weissmuller in 1928 to retain the men's 100 metres freestytle title.

Memories appear short for Chinese

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

appear to be suffering from a monumental lapse of memory the comments of Wei Jizhong, the secretary-general of the Chinese Olympic Committee, are anything to go by. Wei, who is also the deputy chief of staff for China in Atlanta, said: "Our swimmers are still being wrongly accused. The record demon-strates that Chinese swimmers have not been testing positive. It is not fair."

It is also not true, as 19 Chinese swimmers have been suspended for drug abuse since 1991, among them Lu Bin and Yang Aihua, both world champions, and all but one of the tests were for anabolic steroids,
Wei notes that Jessica

Foschi, an American teenager, had tested positive and had still been allowed to compete. He failed to note that Fina, the international governing body, has suspended Foschi for two years, just as it did with the Chinese. He also linked to the Chinese experience the case of Samantha Riley, of Australia, the world champion breast-

CHINA'S Olympic officials stroke swimmer. Wei failed to note that her offence involved a substance found in a headache pill — a world away from 18 steroid tests.

☐ South Korea's only mo'eltain biking competitor is in hospital with a broken wrist after crashing on the road leading to the venue on Wednesday. Lee Jin-ok, 34, fell off his bike inside the Georgia International Horse Park compound and was taken to nearby Rockdale for surgery. ☐ The Mongolia team has arrived in Atlanta being dispersed over three continents. They were spilt up after their scheduled flight from Peking was cancelled and they were obliged to take other flights. ☐ Al Oerter, a four-time gold medal-winning discus throw-er, will be the last torch bearer before the Olympic flame enters the stadium for the opening ceremony in Atlanta

tonight.

A total of 192 national teams have registered at the Games with only five - Laos. Burma, Turkmenistan, Guin-ea-Bissau and Sudan -- still to

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Faldo puts the icing on birthday cakewalk

IT WAS Nick Faldo's 30th birthday yesterday, and even though he strode out to greet the day at 7.30um there were plenty of other early-risers there to help the favourite for the Open Championship light his cake. His commides brought different gifts as he teed-off in search of his fourth Open title, and after an unpromising start, he blew the candles out.

Fuzzy Zoeller, six years older, brought along his courtly manner and good grace, which appeal to everyhody. His deportment is as deliberate as that of Jerry Lewis in The King of Comedy, and his play was bright. True to form. he whistled a few happy tunes (when he was out of Faldo's earshor) and enjoyed himself thoroughly. He would have gone round in two under par had he not two-putted on the final green.

Robert Allenby, the 25-yearold Australian, brought his youthful enthusiasm and a growing reputation. His 74 was part of that familiar routine for young men on the rise, the "learning process". It included a seven on the parfour 3rd, when he took a drop. The crowd that followed the three players brought their goodwill, and by the end of a round that began with a bogey on the 1st. Faldo was happy to

"I've never had so many people cheering, and supporting me. so it was nice," he said. "I'm very appreciative." Faldo has not always craved, or earned, popular acclaim but when he came up the 18th fairway he was hailed as an emperor, which, in a way, he





At Royal Lytham and St Annes

The Open has become his kingdom in the past few years and he is not about to relinquish the droit de seigneur just yet. To prove it, he signed off with a regal birdie, his fourth, to give him a three-under-par 68. All in all it was a fair day's

work, after he had struggled initially to sink putts on the slow greens. Chance after chance went begging until his luck began to change. "I had the chances but, in

the end, I was just pleased to play the back nine in three under par. That was pretty good," he said. For Allenby, a stick-like colt

from Melbourne, the day was a mix of delight and disappointment. He was a shot up after the 1st, three down after the 3rd and hit an eagle on the par-five 6th. He finished three over after saving par on the



into the crowd. There were times, though, when he seemed to spend more time in the sand than Lawrence of

Faldo had risen at 5am, a challenging hour for any clear-headed sportsman, and a bogey four at the 1st was the prelude to an hour of scrapping for par. He made a birdie at the 6th and came within a tissue of adding four more until a superb tee-shot on the 11th enabled him to achieve another.

With his sails nicely filled on a scorching day, Faldo was now in his element, striding forcefully from tee to green. The crowds along the fairways picked up his mood and when he putted from 12ft at the 15th for his third birdie, there was

much whooping.

Regrettably, there was also that verbal abomination, "Way to go!" from an English voice. Like the wearing of a baseball cap back to front, it is a silly American practice appropriated by the weak-minded for no necessary purpose. Otherwise, the crowd re-

mained responsive and fairminded in their acclaim for good shots. To watch golfers as good as these in blissful

conditions is about the best that sport can offer, and the spectators contributed enormously to the glory of the day. By the time Faldo underscored his signature on that final green, with a 15-footer, player and crowd were thoroughly

The birthday boy said he was happy, and he goes out today handily-placed. He knows he is capable of the

"If the wind stays down there will be a lot of scores of four and five under, and it was where close," he said, "With no breeze, and a short course, I think the Americans are going to be very strong this week. That includes honorary Americans, like Faldo. He opened his presents

later, but what could he give to his fellows? A penny whistle might suit Zoeller and a bedouin's cape would, per-haps, disguise Allenby the next time he ventures into bunker territory.

As for Faldo, it is hard to please the man who already has everything. By Sunday night he might have even

Was he unlucky or did he play hadly? Both is the answer, as was illustrated by successive strokes at the 18th. His drive toppled into sand with its last rotation, but then he decided against a cautious

he took a six.

explosion from a fairway hunker and paid the penalty. His ball rocketed into the revetted face of the bunker, rebounded and nearly hit him, which would have been a two-stroke

Impatient

attitude

exacts its

penalties By JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT WHY does Colin Montgomerie have such difficulty in the opening round of the Open Championship? Starting in 1990 at St Andrews, he has not

once broken par in his first

round and nor did he vester-

day. He was level par as he

stood on the 18th tee, two over

as he walked off the 18th

green. A 71, which would have

been the highest acceptable

score on a day when scoring

was easy, became a 73 when

It should also be noted that Montgomerie hit some magnificent drives, often on holes where Brad Faxon and David Frost, his playing partners. used irons from the tee. "He is very confident with the driv-Faxon said, a touch of admiration in his voice.

Montgomerie shimmered in the heat and simmered close to boiling point throughout much of his round. As early as the 6th he was complaining to David Garland, of the PGA European Tour and the rules official accompanying his threesome, about spectators with cameras. On the 15th tee he was heard to say that the Masters "has it right. No cameras, no press". On the 17th he railed at someone: "You can hide, you've done it

actual and potential irritations is disturbing in one so good. "You wouldn't want to be near him if you were a fan with a camera," Faxon said. "It is as if he is happiest when he is telling someone off." Montgomerie was feeling frustrated for, though he had driven well, he had putted diffidently. He was short with his first putt on the 1st, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 9th and 16th holes. The longest putt he holed was three feet. One reason for this is that he did not get the ball

His inability to block out

up to the hole often enough for it to have a chance of going in. When he rolled in a sixfooter on the 10th and followed this with a magnificent fairway wood on the 11th, one thought he would shed this burden of impatience. "Come on, grumpy," a fan said and momentarily he looked more cheery. It did not last long because his ball bounced into a bunker on the 12th and into a difficult position from which to play, from near the back wall. He continued to hit some

being good examples. Yet he gave the impression to spectators and playing partners alike that he was operating on a short fuse. Patience is an attribute he has yet to learn. As Faxon was to say later: "It is hard to play golf

good shots, his second on the

loth, his second on the 17th





Steve Elkington







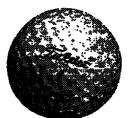


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To name but a few:

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Whoever is crowned Open

Champion on Sunday, the winner of the ball count was a foregone conclusion.

Welcoming the 19th hole with Open arms

mend Ansdell and Fairhaven station. It is an uncomplicated railway terminal boasting but a single platform at which the train stops on its way south to where Albert was eaten by the fion; a quarter of an hour later the three-carriage diesel returns from whence it came

Preston. The northeastern exit of Ansdell and Fairhaven station is an excellent place to be, especially if you have goodish eyesight or own binoculars. It is adjacent to the 8th green and overlooks the short 9th of Royal Lytham and St Annes. A man could stand there and get a pretty adequate idea of what goes on without the hassle of buying tickets, displaying badges and waiting for people empowered to control the ebb and flow of humanity, to direct them hither and hence. It was from this vantage point that I observed

IT ALL started so well for John

Daly, the defending champion, at

Lytham yesterday but the glory.

glory of being five under par after 11

holes became dearie, dearie with

There was a calm, cool, other-

worldly atmosphere as he. Phil

Mickelson and Satoshi Higashi

waited to tee off in the shade.
"On the tee, John Daly," an-

nounced Ivor Robson, the starter,

and that was it. The defence began

without acclaim or applause

because there is no room for stands

or fans at Lytham's first hole, a par

three of 206 yards. Daly hir and,

eerily, there still was not a sound

because the blond bomber, who has

hair at the moment, instead of a Gl

It was the left-handed Mickelson,

all silky smoothness and delibera-

tion, who took the initiative with

birdies at the 2nd and 3rd. He

narrowly missed a 12-foot putt for

another birdie at the 4th and his

game rather misfired from there on.

stubble, had missed the green.

four bogeys in the last seven holes.

three men I did not know hit balls I could not see to a green that was just out of vision ... but by the applause accorded one player, the ooohs that met the others and the body language of all participants followed proceedings with considerable enjoyment in

the company of folk who were making a day of it there. "Should work harder. Freud favours the easy way," schoolmaster Rotherham wrote in my end-of-term report many years ago. Recalling this harsh assessment of my industry, I summoned the energy to make my way along neat suburban roads to the clubhouse and media centre. Once arrived, I followed the Open Championship as the organisers intended. Once again I have failed sartorially. My trousers were long when the fashion is to wear shorts, my shirt was a primary colour, long-sleeved and tailored while all around

wore T-shirts in pastel shades

of 72, one over par. Daly holed a three-footer for his first birdie, at the

3rd, visited a tangle of rough at the

4th - but had a good lie and

secured his par — before a run of three successive birdies. He was not

happy with his tee-shot at the 5th -

a hand came off the club - but he

rolled home a 27-foot putt for an

The driver came out for the first time at the 490-yard 6th, where he

bombed the ball over the bunker on

the left, a carry of about 250 yards.

"Was that the driver?" a spectator opposite the ball, asked. He was

320-odd yards from the tee but such

is Daly's aura that the fan was not

sure the man from Arkansas could

not hit the ball that far with an iron.

to the green and he was even more

awesome at the next, 553 yards of

par five. The drive left him with 171

yards to the pin and he hit a wedge.

birdies were poor reward.

Two drivers, two fairways hit; mere

Healso birdied the 11th, the third

and last par five but the rot set in

capacity to entertain and amaze

make him compulsive viewing.

Having started in silence, he fin-

ished to tumultuous applause.

All he needed was a sand-wedge

unlikely two.

Daly's gallop halted

over closing stretch

By Patricia Davies

Clement Freud concludes his summer

season with a disappointing visit to

the links of Royal Lytham and St Annes

TEE-OFF TIMES

07.00: H Boxali, T Price (Aus), S Luña (Sp)
07.11: D Duval (US), W Aushin (US), B Lane
07.22: J Leonard (US), B Ogle (Aus), P McGraley
07.38: S Simpson (US), S Elkington (Aus), S Cage
07.44: E Romaro (Ang), L Jarzen (US), C Rocca (t)
07.55: *W Bladon, A Oldcom, B Barnes
08.08: J Daly (US), P McKelson (US), S Higastiu
(Japan)

(Japan) 08.17: M Jonzon (Swe), R Twey (US), S Ames (Tin) 08.28: M Calcavechia (US), C Strange (US), P-U Inhanason (Swe)

08.39; G Brand Jr, S'Meruyama (Japan), J Nicklaus

(US) 08.50; V Singh (Fili), M Fany (Fr), J Funyk (US) 09.01; T Herron (US), M Michluny (Zim), A Cejka

(Cen)
11.02: G Low, D A Russell, M Florick (it)
11.13: J Coceros (Arg), S Trinking (Den), K
Fukunago (Liepan)
11.24: D J Russell, D Hospital (Sp), G Brown
11.35: K Eriksson (Swa), M Haliberg (Swe), J
Townsend (US)
11.46: M Mackoncie, A Langanaeken (Bel), R
Willison

11.57: P Lewis, J Rivero (Sp), 8 Watts 12.08: D Gillord, I Befer-Finch (Aus), P Stewart (US) 12.19: N Faido, R Allenby (Aus), F Zoeller (US)

12.30: R McFarlane, B Hughes (Aus), W Maylet

12.41: F Couples (US). M McCumbor (US), P

Harmgton
12.52: L Westwood, S Jones (US), W Riley (Aus)
13.03: M James, P O'Molley (Aus), T Tolles (US)
13.14: J Parnevik (Swe), R Charles (NZ), P
Jacobsen (US)

13.25: B Langer (Ger), T Kite (US), Y Kanoko

(Japan)
13.38: H Tanaka (Japan), 5 Ballestaros (Sp), J
Magger (US)
13.47: B Faxon (US), D Frost (SA), C Montgomerie
13.58: D Feherly, J Haaggman (Swe), D A.Weibring

13.58: D Feherly, J Haaggman (Swe), D A Weibring (US)
14.98: J Haas (US), P Senior (Aus), H Clerk
14.20: M O Moora (US), T Lehman (US), A Forsbrand (Swe)
14.31: L Roborte (US), G Turnor (NZ), S Tonance
14.42: G Norman (Aus), S Sincher (US), J Payno
14.53: R Estes (US), W Westner (SA), P Eates
15.04: M A Jeménez (Sp), A Johnstone (Zm), J Suman (US)
15.15: P Broadhurst, D Bonogo (Sp), D Love III (US)
16.26: R Drummond, S Field, M Welch
15.37: R Chopman, R Loe, H Machiat (Japan)
15.48: Szel, F Tarnarud (Fr), B McColl
15.59: D Smyth, A Lebouc (Fr), A Mednick (Swe)
18.10: G Emerzon, "S Allan (Aus), M Lilton
16.21: E Darcy, S Murphy (US), A Sherborne
"denotes amaleur

(Ger) 09.12: A Cottart, F Nobilo (NZ), M Brooks (US)

and I had neither panama hat nor spiked shoes. There are a number of

ways of watching championship golf: You can occupy a seat in a stand surrounding a particular green and become hugely knowledgeable on, say, the short 5th. Take it as your subject on Mastermind, read about who did what, when, at that location in the eight

previous Lytham Opens. It is a minimalist pursuit, the halfacre in your field of vision confines pleasure though in the distance is the scoreboard which tells you of players' progress around the course. Or you can select a three-

and follow them on their four-and-a-half hour peregrination, learn their strengths and weaknesses and admire the officials who hold up "Quiet" and "Stand still" signs. I expect they go home and tell their families

they are "running the Open". Refreshment points are dotted around the course: very ordinary cold fizzy drinks. Obvious food from the consumption of which people dissuade you. Egg and sausage sandwiches, really thin white wine, heavy hog-roast baps unsuited to temperatures in the eighties. At around noon 1 disen-

gaged myself from the marching crowd, many of whom wore Senior Citizen labels in their lapels; this is downright cruel, as if you could not tell by looking at us.

I sit down overlooking the

18th green, sit next to a man with so immaculately creased red trousers that he hovers to preserve their sharpness. The 18th is 414 yards. In the distance you see three huddles of player-and-caddie lining up second shots and three balls land on the green: plop, plop, plop; we applaud, applaud, applaud.

The players approach the green, Faldo, Zoeller, Allenby, and putt to obtain respectively birdie, bogey, par. Fifteen minutes later Faldo appears in the media centre for his interview. "Talk us through the highs and lows of your round," his inquisitor

"The first I pulled a threeiron, had a good save on three flying a five-iron; six l came up short, good pitch; good save on 13, holed from 15 feet and birdied the last; pleased to have played the last nine in three under." Faldo speaks in a monotone, told a questioner that teeing

off at 7.30am presented no problem; he got up at 5am. Another got the message that it was great to have so many people supporting him, shouting happy birthday. There was no smile. As a performance it was

entirely dull and patronising to boot. Faldo manifests neither fluency nor warmth; district surveyors' reports at housing committee meetings are more fun to witness. Were he less than staggeringly brilliant, he would have few

Of course, it is not over until the fat lady sings and she has yet to approach the piano. By Sunday evening, when the winner walks up the final fairway to the whispers of "He's the man", some 200,000 spectators will have been to Royal Lytham. With the exception of those getting paralytic in the sponsors' tents, watching the event on television, I envy them hardly

Norman fails to make storming start in opening exchanges

IT IS a frustrating business, taking a four-mile hike in the heat of the day and getting nowhere. Greg Norman forgot the way yesterday and looked thoroughly lost. Talk about a good walk spoiled — for all the progress he made, he might just as well have been taking a stroll on 19.12: A Cottart, F Nobio (NZ), M Brooks (US)
19.23: P Hediolom (Swe). E Els (SA), C Stadler (US)
19.34: C Parry (Aus), A Lyle. P Aringer (US)
19.45: D Clarke, R Goosen (SA). "T Woods (US)
19.58: B Crenshaw (US), N Price Zom, P Walton
10.07: J Robeon." S Garcle (Sp), T Homitton (US)
10.18: G Pleyer (SA), C Pavin (US), I Woocenam
10.28: P Michell, M Carripbel (NZ), R Mediate (US)
10.40: C Meson, T Bjorn (Den), S Bottomley
10.51: S Grappesonni (ti), C Suneson (Sp), R Todd
(Con)

At least he did not fall into the awful pit he has dug for himself in major championships; that of making haste backwards at inopportune moments. It is a disease that is characterised by what might be called Shark Syndrome, the princi-pal symptom of which consists of a sharp decline in form followed by severe injury to the curriculum

He has had so many setbacks in majors, either due to his own frailties or the heroic deeds of others, that it has become almost a way of life. Other men's psyches would have crumbled to dust long before now; Norman, whatever else, is nothing if not resilient.

He was playing on this opening day with Steve Stricker, the young American whose two US Tour victories have brought him sudden fame this season, and Jim Payne, the lean and lanky Italian Open champion from the flatlands of Lincolnshire. For a good deal of the time, Norman was outplayed by Stricker and made to look merely human by Payne. It was not, all in all, a terribly satisfactory day for the Australian.

Indeed, for most of it he was living in close proximity to anonymity, if being a 6ft lin blond in a big white hat can be called anonymous. He was even put in the

Mel Webb witnesses

the unusual sight of

Norman occasionally has days like this, days when he has a distracted air about him, in the

Only once on a low-key front nine did he sink anything worthwhile, a



12-foot putt on the par-five 6th bringing him an eagle after be had hit a good drive followed by a sixiron second shot pin-high to the left. Apart from that, it was not stirring to behold; just a random collection of pars with a couple of three-putt bogeys, from 15 and 25 feet, thrown in for bad measure. He had his chances on the very

much tougher back nine - on four holes running from the 13th, he missed by a gnat's eyebrow on the slow Lytham greens. Others in a similar situation would have cursed their lack of luck. Norman was almost impassive; he was, in the argot of the Irish, away with the fairies. He was not downhearted after he

yesterday, but it was most assuredly feasible to lose it. He did not do that, so lives to fight another day. "I feel I'm right in there," he said, with a touch of asperity. "This is a 72-hole tournament, not an 18-hole medal. My putting let me down, I haven't putted well since May. I

the transition without problems but I'm still confident." It was said with an air of hope rather than expectation, and a phrase involving the dark and whistling in it sprang immediately to mind. Over-hastiness in dismissing him from contention should. however, be strenuously avoided;

the Great White Shark merely treading water the beach with his dog. shade, in height if not in achievement, by the 6ft 4in Payne.

piece but not of it. When in this mode, he hits the ball well enough, but no more, off tee and fairway, he is adequate from short range, while the most damaging part of his game is that he cannot buy a putt for love nor money, the latter of which he has coming out of his ears.



had signed for a 71, level par, but then he rarely is after the first round of a major. It was not possible to win the Championship

must be more aggresive - the greens are slower than we are used to, but at this level we should make

people have done that before to

His second nine included four when he was bunkered at the short bogeys and he finished with a round 12th and his six-foot putt to save par hurtled four feet past the hole. Daly dropped another shot at the next, which he played via the grandstand. A par four at the 14th was routine a drive that landed on the front of the 6th tee, further left than Lenin ever was, a blind second shot over bushes to the front of the green and two putts. Daly is rarely dull and his

O'Neal cashes in as Dream Team returns to spotlight

By ANDREW LONGMORE

been neatly completed. The THE official opening ceremo-ny for the Centennial Olympic Games is scheduled for tonight, but the true symbol of the modern Olympics was revealed yesterday. He is 7ft lin tall, weighs in at just over 300lb and his bank balance will be swelled over the next seven years by the Los Angeles Lakers to the tune of \$123 many of the Olympic's more noble virtues. Hard work, million (almost £80 million), a excellence, fairness, sum that would bankroll most Olympic nations through the

next century. Shaquille O'Neal faced the press with the 11 poorer millionaire members of Dream Team II yesterday. Half the talk was about how much it meant to them all to win Olympic gold, the other half was about how they could win Olympian-sized pots of the stuff back in the treasure trove of the National Basketball Association, known to all as, simply, the NBA.

Only Shaq himself was not playing the game. "I will be answering questions on my new contract," he announced in dark tones, "at the Reebok tent at 3pm." The Reebok tent? Oh yes. Turn left at the Coca-Cola centennial village, straight past Nike Park, leave the Swatch House on your left and there it is. The Reebok tent. If you get to the Speedo

Palace, you have gone too far. Could the tirning of the deal, on the eve of what has long been labelled the Coca-Cola Games, have anything to do with O'Neal's multi-million dollar endorsement of Pepsi? Perish the thought. But the only irony comparable to the biggest deal in American sporting history heralding the start of the most overtly commercial Games in history was the sight of the one white face (John Stockton) lining up in the Dream Team in a city that was once the headquarters of the Klu-Klux Klan.

Yet, in a bizarre way, the centennial Olympic circle has

Dream Teamers are no different from the wealthy amateurs on whom the original Olympic spirit was founded. O'Neal can afford to adhere to the true spirit of sportsmanship and competition just as his team represent the pinnacle of

When Hakeem "the Dream" Olajuwon, the Nigerian-born centre who led the Houston Rockets to successive



NBA championships, says that Olympic gold would be the highlight of his career. there is no reason to disbelieve him. The team have donated their \$15,000 fees to the black churches, according to Charles Barkley.

Judging by some of the long faces and gritted teeth around him, though, O'Neal's big deal has not found universal favour with his team-mates. They appreciate the principle. but not the figures.

"Good luck to Shaq," Penny Hardaway, O'Neal's former sidekick with the Orlando Magic, said. "It's not getting too crazy. Players are now taking full advantage of their worth and that's a great

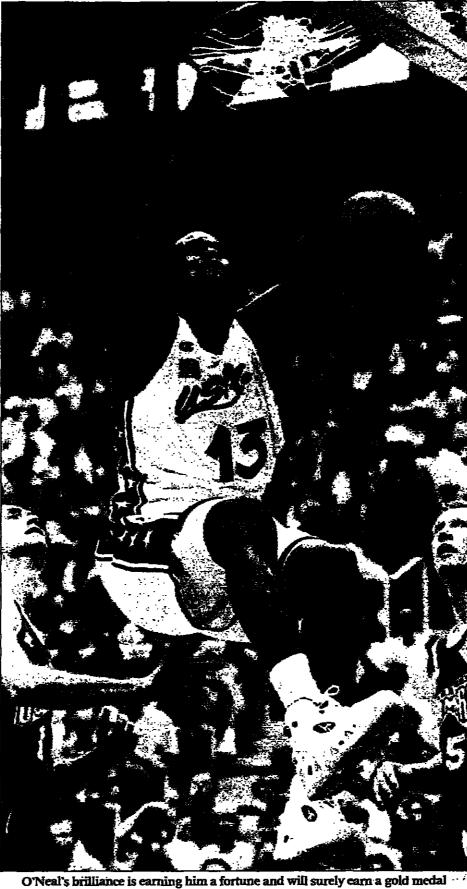
situation for them. "I'd have to spend most of the night counting what he got." Karl "The Mailman" got." Karl "The Mailman" Maione (he always delivers) of the Jazz added, but at least Shaq's doing the busines. There are guys out there getting a whole load of money for not doing much. All I know is that we ain't got that sort of money in Utah. Argentina, the Americans'

first opponents tomorrow night, will hope that counting dollar bills might send the team to sleep. It is their only chance. Everyone's only chance -- but there were few words of comfort from Lenny Wilkens, the superstars' head coach. "There were more legendary figures on the 1992 team," he said, "but this team has more versatility. It can get after teams and have a more aggressive defence. Every one of these guys will be in the Hall of Fame eventually."

Luckily, there were distractions from the weighty issues of how much everyone was earning and how much they wanted to win. "I'm new to this business. Why is it you get two points for putting the ball in the basket?" one young Danish journalist asked. Malone did not know quite where to start. "Them's the rules of the game, man, and don't try to change them," he said.

Then came the little matter of the Australian who had invoked Barkley's wrath in one of the practice games and paid the penalty. "He was a talkative sort of a fellow and a couple of the names he called me I didn't appreciate."

Barkley, one of the survivors from Barcelona and never one to pull his punches off court either, thought the original Dream Team better than this one. No one is likely to get close enough to find out. In the community of the Games, the Dream Team are a team apart, a lucrative sideshow Perhaps they are just too good for the Olympics.



Capobianco cleared by Australian authorities

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

THE Australian sprinter alleged to have taken drugs. Dean Capobianco, is set to run in the Olympic Games. Athletics Australia, the governing body, has cleared Capobianco of using anabolic steroids after an inquiry in Sydney chaired by Bob Ellicott, a QC and former sports minister. The athlete had faced a four-month

ban if found guilty. John Coates, the president of the Australian Olympic Committee, said here yesterday: "We have accepted the recommendation of our lawyer Simon Rofe. Dean will now be accredited and will come into the village when it suits him and his coach."

Istvan Gyulai, the general secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), said yesterday that the world governing body was considering the case and may make a ruling on whether to allow the Australian to compete in the Games at its council meeting on July 25. Capobianco allegedly tested

positive in a meeting in Hengelo, Holland, on May 27 for stanozolol, the drug Ben Johnson took when he was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres title

in Seoul in 1988. Capobianco, who is now in hiding in the United States while continuing his training for the Games, has denied allegations that he took any

banned substance. On July 4.



Capobianco: glamorous

Athletics Australia asked Ellicott to chair a doping control tribunal which met on

July 16. Ellicott found that there were considerable gaps in the evidence of the chain of custody of the sample from Hengelo to the laboratory in Cologne, Germany, where the new £300,000 high-resolution mass spectrometer is being used to analyse samples of

most glamorous track athlete

in Australia and one of the

country's most eligible sport-

ing bachelors (John Good-

The 26-year-old sprinter posed naked for the Black

and White Olympic special

magazine in Australia; he

likes fast cars and fast run-

ning and he will fight with

unyielding determination to

prove his innocence of taking

the sprinter: he enjoys teach-

ing schoolchildren how to run

Yet there is another side to

body writes).

drugs.

many European competitors. The same mass spectrometer will be used here to test the leading four in every event plus athletes taken at random. Ellicott claims that the guidelines of the IAAF and the

medical code of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) were not strictly observed when the urine specimen was taken from Holland

Sprinter's life in the fast lane

fast, as he has done on the

tracks of the world over the

coach kids at home at Curtin

University; and not only kids

but people older than me as

well. I love putting back what

Capobianco, who first rep-

resented Australia at the 1988

world junior championships,

has been struggling to recover

the form that he showed in

200 metres in the world cham-

gen. Although Ireland took only 11.4 overs to pass Gibral-tar's dismal effort of 91 all out.

Mike Hendrick, the coach,

was far from happy with the

27 extras that his side conced-

ed. "I'm delighted to be in the

final, but we're still too incon-

Holland, who were domi-

nant on the previous two days,

lost by two wickets to Scotland when Keith Sheridan struck a

winning single off the last ball

of the final over. With each

claiming two wins in group A.

calculators were called on to

separate Holland. Scotland and the England National

Holland prevailed ahead of

the NCA, who improved their

run-rate significantly by rat-

tling up 375 for nine at

Ringsted and then dismissing

Israel for 38. The NCA will

meet Denmark today to con-

test third place: Scotland play

Gibraltar for fifth and the

wooden spoon will go to either

Italy or Israel.

Cricket Association (NCA).

sistent." he said.

He has suffered frequent

pionships in Stuttgart.

1993, when he was fifth in the

"I do work on the side and I

last six years.

I get out," he said.

to Germany and he has not the samples, the courier and a been provided with the proper laboratory official. This is documents for the custody of important not only to the athlete but also to the sport. the samples. Ellicott said that he should have received decla-This has not been done in this rations about the custody of the samples. He said: "In cases where athletes' whole future is in balance I do not think it is too much to expect declarations from the doping

control officer, who handled

pain from an Achilles tendon

injury and it has only been

this year, when he took the

Australian 200 metres title.

that he seemed to have recov-

ered his old form. "It is hard;

every day you wake up and

you are in pain and you know

what you have got to do," he said about his battle to return

sport I even love training;

staying fit is a great way to live," added the athlete, who

counts sprinters, Linford

Christie and Frankie Freder-

icks, among his close friends.

"I love everything about the

to full fitness.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

The case will present the LAAF with a dilemma. It should set up an appeal tribunal to hear the evidence but there will not be sufficient time to do this before the Games

The LAAF is already battling with another doping problem involving an Italian high jumper, Antonella Bevilacqua. She tested positive for ephedrine, the stimulant used by Diego Maradona at the 1994 World Cup, in two meetings in Italy in May. An Italian magistrate, Alfredo Montagna, has accepted the case put by the Italian national athletics federation that the doping was unintentional. Bevilacqua says that she used a herbal medicine which contained ephedrine but the packaging on the drink did not list the stimulant as one of its

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FOOTBALL

Wednesday chase Lombardo

SHEFFIELD Wednesday have tabled a E3 million bid for Attilio Lombardo, the distinctive Italian winger (David Maddock writes). David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, and David Richards, his chairman, are due to fly to Turin

this weekend for talks with Juventus officials over the proposed deal. Lombardo, 30, who is al-

most as well known for his baldness as his skills on the

right wing, is available after a disappointing season with

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37 SHAPION

(a) Some kind of hat. The scanty references all refer to Scottish men's hats. Of obscure origin, but presumably related to the French chapeau a hat. "Item ... to James Bassindin for an shapion and ane beaver."

(c) One who casts missiles by means of a sling. especially a soldier armed with a sling. Now mainly archaeological or historical. "The sympathy of hand and eye by which a practised slinger hits his mark with a stone." SENARY

(c) Pertaining to the number six. From the Latin senarius the adjective of sex six. The senary scale is the scale of arithmetical notation of which the radix is six. Senary division is division into six parts. The only other class of symmetry possible in crystals is senary or hexagonal, corresponding to a rotation of one-sixth of a revolution, such as that of a regular hexagonal prism about its

SLIDDER (c) A trench or hollow running down a kill, a steep slope. From the Old English slidan to slide. "Tearing and wearing his cordurys, up trees and down slidders, to very reasonable

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1..., Rxh2+!: 2, Kxh2 Qh6+: 3, Kg1 Bxd4+ and the white queen is lost.

Juventus, the European champions, in which he failed to

Sampdoria, after breaking a Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic midfield player, confirmed yesterday that his heart is set on a move to Manchester United. There has been a delay in the transfer after Slavia Prague, his club, asked for a further £700,000, despite agreeing a £3.5 million fee with United officials.

reproduce his impressive form

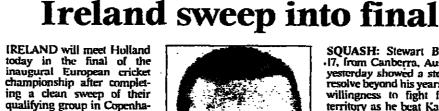
at his previous club.

Poborsky said yesterday: "1 want to go to Manchester United and I am not interested in any other English clubs. ! have told this to my club and I expect the deal to be completed by the end of the week." Liverpool. searching for a

left back, have made an offer for Robbie Elliott, the Newcastle United defender, who has been retained on only a weekto-week contract at St James' Park.

Dwight Yorke, the Aston Villa forward, has signed a new four-year contract with the Coca-Cola Cup-holders. Paul Parker, 32, the former Manchester United and England defender, is having trials

with Portsmouth.



Tyson: September date BOXING: Mike Tyson's heavyweight title bout with Bruce Seldon, the World Boxing Association champion, has been rescheduled for September 7, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Frank Bruno, who lost his World Boxing Council title to Tyson four months ago, confirmed yesterday that he does not intend to retire.

RIFLE SHOOTING: Sedbergh School won the Ashburton Shield and schools team rifle championship at Bisley yesterday for the first time Scores, page 38 since 1921.

SQUASH: Stewart Boswell, 17, from Canberra, Australia, yesterday showed a steel and resolve beyond his years and a willingness to fight for his territory as he beat Karim El Mistikawi, of Egypt, 9-1, 4-9, 9-4, 9-4 to reach the final of the world junior men's champion ship in Cairo. In the second semi-final. Ahmed Faizy, of Egypt. beat Ong Beng Hee, of Malaysia, 8-10, 9-1, 9-0, 9-2, in 65 minutes.

CRICKET: Nixon McLean, a fast bowler, and Adrian Grifbatsman, are the newcomer in the West Indies party to tour Australia for a live-Test series from November to February.

WEST INDIES PARTY: C Wush (coptum), J Adiano, C Ambroso, K Benjamin, I Bahop, C Browno, S Campboll, S Chanduppaul, A Griffen, R Holdor, C Hooper, B Lera, N McLean, J Murrey, R Semuds, P

ROWING: The men's cights looks likely to produce the best racing when the national championships begin today at Holme Pierrepont. Nottingham. Entries include the University of London, two London RC crews and Nottingham BC, all of whom did well at Henley recently.

Special agents called G & T

Gabbitas and Thring. Radio 4 (FM), 10am.

Born towards the end of the last century and still going strong, albeit no longer as a scholastic agency but as an educational consultancy, Gabbitas and Thring was a powerhouse that helped to fuel the public school system. If teachers were needed, Gabbitas and Thring could school system. They had a host of future celebrities on their books, Evelyn Waugh (he immortalised them in Decline and Fally, John Betjeman (he mentioned them in Summoned by Bells), and W. H. Auden, who, in a poem, transmogrified them into Rabbit and String. The agency's coding system was eccentric. Clients were not The agency's coding system was eccentric. Clients were not recognised as "thorough gents" if they sported thick glasses and cordurely trousers. Kaie Withers's affectionate portrait of G & T is a Friday morning treat.

A Little Discomfort in the Cause of Art. Radio 4, 9.30pm.

All of a sudden, spotlights are being trained on the Victorian photographer, Julia Margaret Cameron. The Times's Lynne Truss has written a comic novel about the Cameron years on the Isle of Wight. Now it's Kaleidoscope's turn to explore the character and work of this gifted eccentric. Few celebrated visitors to the isle did not end up in her sitter's chair. Robert Browning's pose lasted half an hour Camerons eligenced out during the session, leaving the roet to sit hour; Cameron slipped out during the session, leaving the poet to sit there, not moving a muscle. For this anecdote, and others in a similar humorous vein, our thanks to Lynne Truss.

FM Stereo. 6.30pm Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Meadows in Edinburgh 12.30pm Kevin Greening 3.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00pm Armie Nightingale 5.00 Charlis Lorden

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5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Brealdast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl 12.35pm Moneycheck with Kalie Derham 1.15 The Open Coverage of the second round of the 125th Open Golf Championship from Royal Lytham St. Armes. With commentary from George Bayley and Christ Rea 7.20 Friday Sport. Rugby League: Oldham v St. Helens. In the Super League; Olympics: a preview of tomorrow's opening ceremony in Atlanta 9.35 Sports Shop. ceremony in Atlanta 9.35 Sports Shop, with Adrian Goldberg 10.05 Paper Talk, with Brian Alexander and Phil Murphy 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night at the Olympics. Coverage of the opening ceremony

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00mm News 5.35 Europe Today 5.45 Folk, Routes 6.00 News 6.30 Europe Today 6.48 Words and Music 6.50 Insider's Guide 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Dance Vibe 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Pick of the World 9.00 News in German 9.15 Music 9.45 Poems by Post 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Fath 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.00 News 12.30pm Marchan 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Science 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.10 World Today 6.25 Spotight 6.30 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Faith 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News Summary 9.01 October 9.50 Sections 8.00 Multitary 1.00 Newshour 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Newshour 9,00 News Summay 9,01 Outlook 9,25 Faith 9,30 Multitrack 10,00 News 10,05 Business 10,15 Britain News 10.05 Business 10.15 briain Today 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 New Europe 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.10 Spotfight 12.15 Insider's Guide 12.25 Book Choice 12.30 Multitrack 1.00 News 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Spitain Today 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Faith 3.00 Newsday 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Faith 3.00 Newsday 2.30 Medica 4.15 Sport 2.30 Medica 2.30 Med 4.30 Virtage Chart Show

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Sally Peterson 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jemie Crick 6.00 Newsright 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Showcasa 8.00 Concert 10.00 Michael

VIRGIN RADIO 8.00mm Mark Forrest 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Janey Loo Freeman 12.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Howard Pearce

6.00am On Air, includes Bach 2.00 The New Europe: City of (Violan Concerto in Eminor, BWV 1042); Stanford (Piano (Oboe Concerto in G minor,

Op 11 No 6); Janacek (Madi); Mateo Albeniz (Sonata in D); Shostakovich (Ballet Suite No 2) Morning Collection with Paul Gambacchil. Beethown (Piano Sonata in

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini.
Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G. Op 79); Telemann (Sulte in A minor); Balakirev (Russia)
10.00 Musical Encounters. With Mark Rowinson: Verdi (Grand March, Aida) 10.05 Artist of the Week; Robert Lloyd, bass Mussogsky (The Field Marshel, Songs and Dances of Death); 10.10 Dvorak (Suite in A. Op 98b); Selena Key (String Quartet); Martinu (Oboe Concerto); Ravel (Berceuse sur le nom de (Obos Concerto); Haver (Berceuse sur le nom de Gabriel Fauré); 11.15 Strauss (Also sprach Zarathustra); Elgar (The Dream of Gerontius, Part 1; Conclusion)

Gerontus, Part 1; Conclusion

12.00 Composer of the Week:
Haydn, with Paul Guinery

1.00pm Chamber Music: from
Cartmel Priory. Introduced
by Rodney Stationd. French
Baroque Airs; Michel Lamber
(Jugez de ma douteur); de
Visée (Pretude, Allemande
and Gauette). Cannon and Gavotte); Campra (Cantala; Anon), Anon (J'a passé deux jours sans vous voir; Si votre coeur; La

voir; si voire coeur; La Bergère qui m'engage); Couperin (Prélude; Musette; Chaconne, Troisième concert royal); de Visée (Allermande grave); Dubuisson (Plainte su; la mort de M Lambert); Michel Lambert (Vos méspris chaque iour)

Sibelius (Romance for strings, Op 42); Magnus Lindberg (Away); Alfven (Andanie religioso); Wiren (Serenade

religioso); when parenaue for strings) (5/6)
3.00 Mining the Archive: Henryk Szeryng, Susan Sharpe explores the life of the violinist 5.00 The Music Machine, with

5.00 The Music Macrime, win Tornmy Pearson (7) 5.15 In Tune. Haydn (Gloria, Mass No 13 in B flat. Creation Mass); Grainger, orch Wood (Handel in the Strand); Villa-(nance in the screent; visa-Lobos (Genesis)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall. Haydin (The Creation) Part 1; 8.05 Creation Myths. James Naughte explores how Haydin and his contemporaries

understood the concept of Creation and what it means to us loday, 8.25 Haydin (The Creation) Parts 2 and 3 9.45 1996 Reith Lectures: T Language Web. Professor Jean Atchison's final lecture in the series (5/5) (r) Hear and Now. Sarah Walker meets Anthony Payne and introduces recordings of his

work and two quartets by contemporaries. Anthony Payrie (Orchestral Variations): Goehr (String Quartet No 4), Payne (Empty Landscape); Francis Burt (String Quartet No 2); Payne (Time's Arrow)

5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Growing Spaces, with Edi

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week, Roser

seven days

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby chairs a topical
discussion in Colylord.

oscussion in Col/drd.
Devon, with guests Howard
Davies; Tim Eggar, MP.
Michael Meacher, MP. and
Baroness Warmock
8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins
analyses the legal issues
which affect our fives
9.15 Letter from America, by
Alistair Conte

Choice (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The

cope Feature. See

Hartill presents her selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the past

12.00 Composers of the Week:
The English Madrigalists (i)
1.00am Through the Night, With
Donald Macked, includes 1.00 Mendelssohn 3.25 Beethoven 5.00 Sequence

RADIO 4 4.45 Short Story: Roz, Danny, Henry and Mum, by Ivy Barnister. A teenage girl comes to terms with her mother's new boyriend and her tather's new beby Read by Fionnuala Murphy (1) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parkament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Professor George Steiner (r)

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9.45 Feedback. Chris Dunkley
reads listeners' comments on
BBC programmes
10.00 News; Gabbitas and Thring
(FM only). See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 On This Day (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History
Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Chris Choi

Chris Choi
12.25pm The Food Programme.
The last in the series,
presented by Derek Cooper
12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick

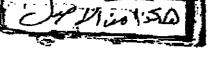
Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shopping Forecast
2.00 News: The Summer Serial:
The French Lleutenant's
Woman By John Fowles.
Dramatised by Frederick
Bradnum. Charles is heading
for Nemesis in Exter — is it
marriage to Emestina or cole
with Sarah?With Amanda
Redman, David Threifall,
Norman Rodway and Teress
Gallagher (3/3) (f)

Gallagher (3/3) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. News 4,05 Kaleldoacope.
Tim Marlow visits the Earth
galleries at the Natural History
Museum and talks to Michael
Holroyd about the life and
work of Augustus John

10.45 Book at Beatting: Inv
Merry Muse(5/10)
11.10 Goodness Gracious Me.
The all-Asian sketch show.
With Meera Syal, Kuhknder
Ghir, Sangeev Bhaskar and
Natin Sawirney (3/4)
11 25 Fourth Chilmin 11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News and 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: One
Thousand Dollars a Words
by Lawrence Block († 12.48
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Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleldoscope

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Atlanta ego goes for the gold – in hokum

in the early hours of tomorrow morning, the opening ceremo-I ny will take place and the Atlanta Olympics will finally be under way. Of one thing we can be certain. Sitting in the best seats in the \$540 million (£360 million) stadium. Billy Payne will be wiping away a tear. As we discovered in last night's superb The Greatest Show on Earth: It's Atlanta (BBCI). Payne has found the Olympics a strangely lachrymose

Payne is the driving force behind the Atlanta Games, a local lawyer who set about securing the Olympics for the city with a nearevangelical zeal. Since he succeeded he has been getting more emotional by the day."

Spotting a soft target when he saw one, producer-director Michael Waldman employed the same technique he used to such effect in The House, pointing a camera at a large ego and waiting for the inevitable self-inflicted wound. Payne obliged early, as he considcred the subject of motivation in front an audience of Atlanta bigwigs. He owed it all apparently (not to mention inevitably) to his father. "Well, what do you think Dad? Are you proud of me now?" He just about answered his own

question, "did you do your best, son?" but got no further. He blinked, his lower jaw trembled, he opened his mouth ... but no words came out. There was an awkward pause ... until the audience decided that a standing ovation was preferable to further embarrassment. If they were giving out gold medals for hokum, we had found our winner.

An awful lot of people are noping that Atlanta, the second Olympiad to be held in the United States in just 12 years, falls flat on its over-hyped face. But still more are hoping that the Olympic spirit

vulgarities of commerce in a city where even the hotel mini-bars have to be "sponsor-correct". Waldman catered eleverly for both camps - providing an entertaining mixture of scepticism and enthusiasm that was spot on.

e introduced us to "event junkies", the professional logistic experts who know just how many courtesy cars it takes to make an Olympic Games. Finding enough volunteers to drive them was another matter. As one put it: "There always comes a point when people realise that there isn't enough time. What they don't realise is that there is never coough time."

Inevitably, we were bombarded with statistics (my favourite was that they started making the 1S million pounds of ice required back in March) but Waldman never let them get in the way of will once again triumph over the some well-chosen and well-balREVIEW Matthew Bond

anced stories. Not only had he found the lawyer who was moving out of his lake-side mansion, having let it for \$200,000 for the three-week duration of the games, he found a woman who was being forcibly evicted from her small apartment so that her landlord could grab a share of the action.

A large part of the \$1.7 billion cost of the games is being recouped by ticket sales and Waldman had

some the curling footage of the earns during the Games as a agency, and for the past 30 years sales team whooping and holler-stripper. Grab it while you can, has been obsessed with Cambodia. ing themselves towards the target of \$65,000 in sales per hour. He contrasted this temple of Mammon with the financial problem facing the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, the Olympic team of which consists of just two archers.

The problem, explained a government minister, was the \$500-athrow cost of modern archery equipment: "Purchasing these bows and arrows has become a drain on our foreign exchange reserves." Still, I liked the look of Bhumn archery - not only is singing and dancing an accepted part of the sport, but tradition dictates that your own team of cheerleaders chant personal insults at your opponent.

Thousands travel to Atlanta in hope. None less so than Anjelica who has just arrived from North Carolina and hopes to put herself through college on the money she

Anjelica — by the time we get to Sydney, it will probably be an Olympic sport.

ver since a much-repeated advertisement where a kha-ki-clad woman tried to take photographs from a speeding car, while somebody heaved crates at her from the aircraft hold (what was it for ... cars, planes, credit cards?) films about photographers have had a bit of a struggle. As the ad reminded us, photographers talking seriously about their craft run the risk of sounding deeply pretentious. Philip Jones Griffiths, however,

just about got away with it in The Shoot: Cambodian Odyssey (BBC2), a gently absorbing docu-mentary made by Richard Trayler-Smith. Jones Griffiths was born in north Wales, became president of

has been obsessed with Cambodia. He was helped by an easy-going manner, fascinating reminis-cences, and powerful photographs that captured the beauty but more memorably the horror of Cambodia and Vietnam. That, he explained, was the "horrible truth" of photography: "Things like dead bodies and suffering humanity is, in fact, perversely photogenic." Much of what he had seen and photographed was unprintable. The task is to achieve some sort of poignancy, without turning people

Thirty years on Jones Griffiths was still in love with Cambodia but pessimistic about the future of photography because of the use of computer manipulation of images. That threatened photography's ability to depict the truth. "And once photography loses that, it loses its most valuable criteria." Lynne Truss is on holiday

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6.00am Business Breakfast (45695) 138616 Breakfast News (Ceefax) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (3546906) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (s) (6646819)

9.50 Living Dangerously: Kites — Kings of Hong Kong (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7113432) 10.20 FILM: The Last Best Year (1990) Bernadette Peters, Mary Tyler Moore and Brian Bedford in an emotional, made-fortelevision drama about terminal illness (Ceefax) (22675703)

12.00 News and Weather (Ceelax) (2327819) 12.05pm Small Talk (r) (Ceelax) (s) (2782277) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (9738155) 1.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (31703)

1.30 Regional News (12356155) 1.40 Perry Mason (Ceeiax) (2897364) 3.10 Knots Landing (r) (s) (8295451) 3.55 Golf: the Open. The second round from

Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Club (s) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (141141) 6.00 News and weather (Ceetax) (155)

6.30 Regional news magazines (635) 7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefar) (s) (9722) 7.30 Future Fantastic. How science can

8.00 The Olympic Game. Steve Ryder introduces the last in the senes of the sports quiz. With team captains Daley Thompson and Steve Cram and guests Steve Redorave and Lennox Lewis

improve the human body (Ceefax) (s)

8.30 Big Break. Snooker quiz in which celebrity players pot balls on behalf of the contestants. Last in series (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (7616) 9.30 One Foot in the Grave. There is a

strange and nasty smell in the living room
(r) (Ceefax) (s) (46548)

10.00 Chicago Hope: Freeze Out
(Ceefax) (s) (556722) 10.45 Olympic Preview. Desmond Lynam

introduces a preview of 16 days of sporting action in Atlanta as the lates chapters in Olympic history are about to be written (s) (159513) 11.30 FILM: Blazing Saddles (1974) Irreverent

western spoof verging on the tasteles yet one of the genre's top-grossing movies Starring Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Stim Pickens, Madeline Kahn, Harvey Kormann and Liam Dunn. Directed by Mel Brooks (s) (147548)

12.55am Olympic Grandstand, Live coverage of the opening ceremony of the 26th Olympics from Atlanta, Georgia (s)

5.00 FILM: Trio (1950, b/w). With Jean Simmons and Michael Rennie. Adaptations of three short stories by Somersel Maucham. The Verger a verger who is sacked for being illiterate goes on to become the owner of a chain of tobacconists. Mr Knowall is the story of a selfish jeweller who is shunned on a cruise; and Sanatorium, the story of patients in a tuberculosis hospital. Ken Annakin and Harold French direct (24020) Ends at 6.35am

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6.00am Open University: Developing World (6903819) 6.25 Pieter Bruegel and Popular Culture (6815426) 6.50 Ferrara: Planning the ideal City (8433635) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax) (4172074) 7.30 Smurfs' Back: the Best Bits of Johnny Ball ((Ceetax) (s)(5933161) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (r)(6354703) 8.40 The Record (6814987) 9.05 The Great Depression (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4558744)

10.00 Playdays (r) (6436155) 10.25 Open View (9595987)

10.30 Golf: the Open Steve Ryder introduces further coverage from Royal Lytham and St Anne's Goff Club (s) (5109258)

3.55 News, Regional News & Weather

4.00 Cartoon (7403906) 4.05 To Me...to You (2866616) 4.30 Clarissa Explains It All (r) (Ceefax) (s) (432) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8600971) 5.10 Record Breakers (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7076426)

5.35 Golf: the Open. Steve Ryder introduces action on the second afternoon of the 125th British Open (s) (10418708)



Andrew Davis conducts (7.30pm)

7.30 BBC Proms 96 (with Radio 3)

James Naughtie introduces the first night of the Proms from the Royal. BBC Orchestra and Chorus (64980600) Subsequent programmes may run

9.50 Close Up. Leading film-makers and celebrities chose their favourite clips from the movies (s) (135616)

10.00 Friday Night Armistice. Last in the series of hard hitting satirical comedy shows featuring the talents of Armando lannucci, David Schneider and Peter Baynham. (s) (24884) Followed by a

10.30 Newsnight(Ceefax) (152600) 11.15 Golf: the Open. Steve Ryder introduces

the highlights of the second day's play and news of who has made it through to short of the cut-off point (840093)

12.00am-1.55 FiLM: Voyager (1991) starring Sarn Shepard, Julie Delpy, Barbara Sukowa, Dieter Kirchlechner, Deborah-Lee Furness and Traci Lind, Introspective whose casual affairs lead to an alarmino discovery. Through a chance encounter he sees some of the damage wrought by his philandering, but fate has constructed a shocking revenge, towards which he is relentlessy drawn as he combines his globetrotting with his search for sexual fulfilment. Directed by Volker Schlondorff (335001). Ends at 1.55am

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BBC Proms 96: First Night of the Proms'

What better place to begin than "in the beginning". The Creation. Haydn's life-affirming oratorio, with its risk-taking harmonics and epic scale, is a perfect blasting point for this year's prom season. In the interval. James Naughtie charts the changes in our attitudes towards the story of the creation since the late 18th century Broadcast live simultaneously with Radio 3 the concert heralds the first of ten selections to be aired live. These reflect the key themes of Proms 96 - concertos, the Bruckner and Stravinsky anniversaries and Te Deums. Highlights include Sir Georg Solti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performing Bruckner and Beethoven's 9th (Sept 13): National Youth Orchestra tackling Varse, Gershwin and Stravinsky (Aug 10) and a Czech programme of Dvorak's Te Deum, Martinu and Janacek (Aug 17).

Chicago Hope BBC1, 9.30pm

Those on the waiting list for a further treatment of ER will have to be content with this decidedly second-best medical drama. That said, this placebo is not without its merits. In tonight's second episode of a new series, there is a nice parallel drawn between lives of the doctors. A young boy suffering from hypothermia is brought into the hospital after three hours under the ice. As the doctors struggle to warm him up, there is a defrosting of the relationship between Jeffrey Geiger (Mandy Patinkin) and Geri Infante (Diane Venora). Some really nasty shots of organs, surgical drills and leaches offset the script's tendency towards over-cleverness. Not bad, but the literally heartwarming ending failed to do anything for the cockles of this particular heart.

Channel 4, 9.30pm

Apparently absence does not make the heart grow fonder. On the evidence of this series 1 would not have cared much if the whole the "ugly naked guy". But this episode at last has brought the six of the New York twentysomethings back to what they do best ... bitch among themselves. The culprit that divides them straight down the middle is the source of all evil — lack of money. Plans for a big bash for Ross's birthday include tickets for Hootie and the Blowfish, but Phoebe, Joey and Rachel just do not earn as much as the others. There follows a few wonderful moments when the smart script flashes bright as before, especially in the restaurant scene where the six are nearly

upstaged by the waiter. Someone should

make a sit-com about sassy New York

vaiters. Now that would be funny.

Channel 4, 10.00pm

Frasier fanatics will need no urging to watch what is undoubtedly the highlight of the week's viewing. Even when the show is mediocre by its own standards it is still head and shoulders above both home-grown and imported comedies. As soon as Kelsey Grammer dons the headphones as Seattle's favourite radio shrink and soothingly whispers "I'm listening", there is bound to be delight in store. Tonight, the funeral of a cantankerous and much hated aunt causes problems for both Frasier and Niles. Frasier has to compose a eulogy, while Niles is charged with finding a suitable site to scatter her ashes. Dad's suggestion for the dreadful old harpy's last resting place? "Flush her down the toilet. Why not? She always loved the water."

Frances Lass

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1377109) 9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (6649906) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (7035600) 10.20 News headlines (9411242)

10.25 HTV News (9410513) 10.30 Bugs vs Daffy (2624635) 10.55 FILM: Kim (1984) with Peter O'Toole and Bryan Brown. Concluding yesterday's film Directed by John Davies (6632664) 12.20pm HTV News (Teletext) (2316703)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9820180) 12.55 Sbath Sense (Teletext) (s) (9732971)
1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (Teletext) (s) (5065277) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (61705616) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote (s) (7905345)

3.20 News headlines (9326364) 3.25 HTV News (9325635)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (3590432) 3.40 The Treacle People (1262258) 3.50 Zzzapi (6711161) 4.10 Cartoon Time (5814548) 4.30 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (5296432) 4.50 Art Attack (7475884)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7686635) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (600722) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (157616) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (241529) 6,50 Let's Go (654364) 7.00 Lucky Numbers. Grameshow hosted by

Shane Richle (Teletext) (s) (4890) 7.30 Coronation Street. A stranger goes through the books at the garage (Teletext) (987)



Andrea Mason as Keane (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. Loxton and Keane suspect that the victim of a mugging knows more than she is admitting (7398)

8.30 Is it Legal? Comedy set in a shambolic solicitor's office (r) (Teletext) (s) (9345) 9.00 Savannah. Veronica and Peyton rescue Edward from the fire (Teletext) (s) (5616) 10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (24838)

10.30 HTV West Headlines (360242) 10.40 FILM: Klute (1971). Psychologiai thrille with Jane Fonda in an Oscar winning role and Donald Sutherland. A private eye becomes obsessed with an abused and nuerotic prostitute while searching New York for a missing research scienist. Directed by Alan J Pakula (65683906)

12.45 Stand Up. Fearluring the best of Britain's stand-up comedians on the alternative circuit (47488)

1.15 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s) (4312914) 2.20 Fil Mr Operation Dead End (1986) Thriller starring Hannes Jaenicke, Isabelle Willer and Uwe Oxenknecht. Directed by

4.00 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (87933) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (26488) 5.30 Morning News (11469)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10pm Let's Go (8652797) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (315529)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1340432) 11.25 Side Effects (7355190) 1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61658432)

1.55 Home and Away (92879600) 2.25 High Road (61708703) 2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (7486109) 5.10 Home and Away (7686635) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (56971) 10.30 Westcountry News (457722)

10.45 Film: Blue Thunder (737819)

CENTRAL

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1.55 A Country Practice (78577529) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7441884) 5.10 Shortland Street (7686635) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (315529)

10.40 Film: The Postman Always Rings Twice (56437703) 12.40am Comedy Central (8684198) 1.40 The Good Sex Guide... Late (7933391) 2.40 Cyber Cafe (9323778) 3.05 Dear Nick (5846925)

4.05 Jobfinder (4219914) 5.20 Asian Eye (1154914)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

10.30 People Like Us (86029971) 1.25 Home and Away (61658432) 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street, Suburban New Zealand soap (78577529)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7906074) 5.10 Home and Away (7686635) 5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (892277)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (56971) 10,30 Meridian News and Weather (457722) 10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show (221513) 11.15 Dead Men's Tales (228426) 11.45 Hunter (367529)

5.00am Freescreen (26488)

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CHANNEL 4

6.35em The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (58426)

9.00 FILM: Les Miserables (1935, b/w) with Fredric March and Charles Laughton. Historical drama. Directed by Richard Boleslawski (Teletext) (21884)

11.00 The Secret Life of Dona Ermelinda. South Africa-born him-maker Aldo Lee's quest to find out why his grandmother, a wealthy expatinate who lived in Mozam-bique, died in poverty (57797)

12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (14451) 12.30pm Lonely Planet (r) (Teletext) (s) (42722) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (47277) 2.00 FiLM: The Dark Angel (1935, b/w) with romantic drama directed by Sidney Franklin (Teletext) (2529)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (616) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (600) 5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms (r) (Teletext)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper American campus cornedy (Teletext) (s) (155258) 6.25 Tour de France (233971)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (360884) 7.55 Book Choice. Tom Shone reviews Joe Queenan's The Unkindest Cut. (Teletext) (s) (783635)

8.00 Garden Party. Tom Barber and the Garden Party experts join Stephen Anderton of English Heritage (and gardening correspondent of *The Times*), in the gardens of Belsay Hall, Northumberland (Teletext) (s) (1180) 8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7987)

9.00 Cybill. On the set of Chicago Hope, Cybill discovers that an actress with whom she has a chilly relationship is about to marry Maryann's former husband (Teletext) (s) (7426)



David Schwimmer as Ross (9.30pm)

9.30 Friends. Ross (David Schwimmer) celebrates his birthday. (Teletext) (s) (39258) 10.00 Frasier. Frasier and Niles get the chance to help their father

(Teletext) (s) (15180) 10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? (Teletext) (s)

(503890) 11.05 Takeover TV. (s) (726884)

11.35 FILM: Five Corners (1988). Thriller with Jodie Foster and John Turtum. Set in the Bronx in 1964, a young girl is drawn into danger when the man jalled for raping her is released. Tony Bill directs (481635)

1.20am FILM: The Walking Dead (1936, b/w). Chiller with Bons Karloff. An unjustly executed man who is brought back to life and begins a vendetta of vengeance against the men who framed him. Directed by Michael Curtiz (7889846)

2.30am Fetish. A documentary, first shown in the Red Light Zone season, about fetish fashion (3077662) Ends at 3.25

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday **SKY ONE**

7.00mm Undun (74432) 9.00 Press Your Luck (1813242) 9.20 Love Connection 1835234) 9.45 Oprah Wintey (9207567) 10.40 Jeopardy! (6338432) 11.10 Salv Jessy Rephael (1378616) 12.00 Sightings (41529) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (99600) 1.00 Hotel (94155) 2.00 Geraldo (85242) 3.00 Court IV (7529) 3.30 Oprah Wintey (531929) 4.55 Jesty (1041870) 5.00 3380 Count IV (*223) 3380 Opran Williev (5318180) 4.15 Undun (4041890) 5.00 Cuantum Leap (1109) 6.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (87619) 7.00 Spelibound (2838) 7.30 MA*S*H (8364) 8.00 3rd Rock from the Sun (8258) 8.30 Jammy's (4203) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (17074) 10.00 Quantum Leap (10181) 11.00 Highlander (98068) 12.00 tale Show with David Letterman (1919730) 12.45am Miracles and Other Wonders (5239001) 1.30 The Edge (50556) 2.00 Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. News on the hour. 6.00am Sunnse (7830155) 9.20 Century (52548) 10.30 ABC Nightime (58819) 1.30pm CBS News (2005) 2.30 Paris-ment (12549) 3.30 The Lords (7258) 5.00 Lore at Five (92069) 6.30 Tompfor with Adam Lords (7256) 5.00 Boulton (20567) 7.30 Sportskinš (18506) 8,30 Entertairment Show (8535) 11.30 CBS News (99068) 12.30em ASC News (96846) 1.30 Torught with Adem Boulton Replay (85001) 2.30 Wondwide Report (14198) 3.30 The Lords (19643) 4.30 CBS News (31778) 5,30 ABC News (53469) on (20567) 7.30 Sportsline (18906)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Top Hat (1935) (32703) 8.00 A Hard Day's Night (1964) (\$2722) 10.00 in Your Wildest Dreams (1991) (41987) 11.99, Walk Like a Man (1987) (16695) 1.00 file Cold River (1982) (39816987) 1.00 file Cold River (1982) (39816987) (29362819) 4.15 When the Legands Die (1972) (1199987) 6.00 The Enemy Within (1994) (21277) 8.00 Revenge of the Nerds IV: Nords In Love (1994) (26722) 10.00 Cool and the Crazy (1993) 11.30 Death Match (1994) [9297] 11.30 Death Match (1994) [9297] 11.30 Death Match (1994) [200242] 1.05am Against Their WRI [1994] (9542317) 2.35 Separated by Nurder (1894) (911372) 4.10-6.00 When the Legarget Pts (48974) 401-6200

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6,00est A-Haunting We Wi8 Go (1942) (49364) 7.30 Black Tulip (1989) (42451) 8.30 David and the Magic Pearl (55093) 10,00 A Girl in Every Port (1951) (71256)

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

to 4am. 6.05am Quack Attact (78815074) 6.30 Chip in Dale Rescue Rangers (64333629) 6.55 Chip in Dale Rescue Rangers (64345364) 7.20 Ducktales (4482203) 6.55 Chip in Date Hissoul Hissoule Hissoule (A4802203)
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12.00 White Christmas (1954) (63987)
2.00pm His Girl Friday (1940) (10155)
4.00 The Long Hot Summer (1958)
(5345) 6.00 To Be or Not to Be (1983)
(3249) 8.00 Return from the River Kwal
(1985) (33744) 10.00 Beet Selber (1987)
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(1965) (130339) 3.05-4.35 La
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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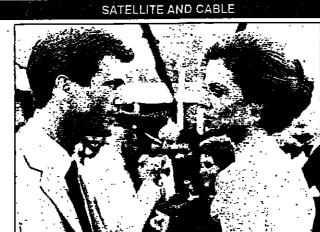
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7.00em Futboi Mundlel (21354) 7.38 World Wresting Federation — Action Zone (79529) 8.30 Racing News (48557) 9.00 Aerotics (39819) 9.30 53/li Saling (78838) 10.00 Boots in Al (33155) 11.00 Tight Lines (26819) 12.00 Aerotics (46155) 12.30pm Pro-Beach Societ (70425) 1.30 12.30pm Hrb-seed Social (1042) 13-6 How the Preniership Was Won (93364) 3.30 Formula Three (5432) 4.00 Boots 'n' All (28345) 5.00 World Wiesting Federation RAW (1797) 6.00 Sty Sports Centre (577180) 6.05 Trans World Sport (782797) 7.00 Super League: Oldham v St Helens — Live (722971) 9.30 Gillette World Sport Special (50890) 10.00 Sky Sports Centre Special (SUB9J) 18,00 5% Sports Centre (115987) 10,15 Self Sailing (599905) 10,45 Trans World Sport (997819) 11,45 Super League: Oldham v Sr Halens (913277) 1,45 am Sloff Selling (845556) 2,15 British Pro Golf Tour (820407) 3,15 World Wide Rugby: New Zeeland v South Africa (285865) 5,15-5,30 Sky Sports Centre

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00pm British Protessional Golf Tour (3615838) 8.00 Golf. 125th Open Champ-ionship (4415722) 11.00 Finish Line (3494857) 11.30 British Professional Golf

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Not TV 4.30 Joe Connor 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Today 6.15 This is Your Day 6.45-7.00 Good

SKY SOAP 7.00am Guiding Light (3149074) 7.55 As the World Turns (4857242) 8.50 Peyton Place (8355426) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9005616) 10.10-11.00 Another World



SKY TRAVEL

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11.00mm Boomerang (2844118) 11.30 American Vacation (8992432) 12.30 ptp Plane Flandy (6572635) 1.00 Gensusy (5112258) 1.30 Greet Escapes (5571905) 2.00 Florida (2434513) 2.30 Crusing the Globs (1835155) 3.00 Globalrotter (2525548) 3.30 Around the World (5813426) 3.85-4.00 Holiday Shop THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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UK GOLD

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6.00am Swan's Crossing (74513) 6.30
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8.00 Byker Grove (76364) 8.30 Degrass Juntor High (75359) 9.00 Imagoud (59697)
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DISCOVERY 4.00pm Africa the Hard Way (1422797) 5.00 Time Travellers (3500267) 5.30 Junasaica (3294635) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (8409906) 7.00 Wild Things: Deadly Austra-lians (2954123) 7.30 Mysterious Forces Beyond (3108884) 8.00 Natural Born Killers (3839616) 9.00 Justice Files (3942180) 10.00 Top Marques (5718548) 10.30 Top Marques (5621068) 11.00-12.00 Une plained (1287242)

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (5704345) 12.30pm The Adventures of Wilsom Tell (8315513) 1.00 thirty-something

(7100221) 2.30 Scotland Yard (3287345) 3.00 The Sant (1503616) 4.00 FILM: The Young Doctors (4855154) 6.00 The New Adventures of Charlie Char (3288074) 8.30 Danger Man (316426) 7.00 Marwhal (3940722) 8.00 The Time Tunnel (3853242) PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (4448) 7.30 Entertainment Tonight (2722) 8.00 Wings (2518) 8.30 Laverne and Shriley (4451) 9.00 Soop (43971) 9.30 Tax (58422) 10.00 Entertainment Tonight (45426) 10.30 The Chric (27074) 11.00 Dr. Katz (2856) 11.30 Nightstand (35884) 12.30mm I Love Lucy (81778) 1.00 Laverne and Shriley (87135) 1.30 Tax (94914) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (9827) 2.30 The Croc (28402) 2.00 Dr. Katz (67372) 3.30-4.00 Nightstand UK LIVING UK LIVING

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Posse of Americans gathering to threaten a surprise British leader at the Open

Broadhurst reaps Lytham dividend

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PAUL BROADHURST had a good year in 1988. He won the Lytham Trophy at Royal Lytham and St Annes in the spring and the silver medal for being the leading amateur in the Open Championship at the same venue in July. That knowledge of the intricacies of the course was further aug-mented when he made a reconnaissance visit to this part of Lancashire in January.

Yesterday Broadhurst received a dividend on the investment he has made in time spent at Royal Lytham. By going round in 65, six under par, and equalling the



THE OPEN

Clement Freud Faldo's cakewalk Daly's gallop

two-stroke lead in the first round of the 125th Open. Give him full marks for trying. On the European Tour

Broadhurst resembles Costantino Rocca in that things happen to him that do not happen to others. He fiveputted one green during the Scottish Open at Carnoustie last week, for example, and ran up a nine in the third round of the French Open last year, which he won with a why the Americans are doing well I have no idea. It is dazzling last round of 63. He had a 63 in the 1990 Open at St Andrews, too.

All those achievements were exceeded by his round yesterday, which was the stuff of dreams. It contained one eagle, four birdies and 23 putts, 11 of them in his last ten holes. "Everyone thinks of leading the Open and I am no excention to that." Broadhurst. 30, said. "I was a bit concerned looking at the leaderboard with all the Americans there. I



Normally it is. Whether that is summer over here and you do get some sunny days in summer. I am sure the Americans

prefer it this way." Such ideal conditions as existed yesterday make for crowded leaderboards and before play had ended nearly one third of the field had achieved scores of par — 71 — or better. Broadhurst is chased by a posse of competitors on 67, four under par, including the Americans Fred Couples, Tom Lehman, Loren Roberts, Mark O'Meara, Brad Faxon, start to the American professionals' attempt to take home the Open trophy from Lytham ior the first time.

One stroke behind them is Nick Faldo, whose 68 was sealed by the way he played the inward half in three under par, after earlier enduring one of those spells when he did everything right from tee to green except hole-out with one

Jack Nicklaus had a 69 to prove that being unable to get out of bed in the morning is no

Mark McCumber and Mark handicap to playing good golf Brooks. There could hardly and is presumably preferable to tripping down the stairs of one's hotel, falling over and breaking the second toe of one's left foot, which is what happened to Curtis Strange. Nicklaus's back had been in spasm. "I couldn't stand up, I couldn't sit down, I couldn't do anything," he said. "I was real pretty this morning. My body

was so twisted I looked like a Nicklaus telephoned Pete Egoscue, a man he describes as an anatomical functionalist in San Diego, and, with the telephone sometimes to his ear a 74, snapped his putter over

by Egoscue until his back was sufficiently pain-free for him to play. Then he played what he described as a pretty good round of golf.

Beware the injured golfer indeed. Nick Price, who will have an operation on his sinuses later this year, received a considerable ovation when he marched in the fading sunshine towards the 18th green with Ben Crenshaw and Philip Walton. He had a 68. Paul Azinger, on his way to

and sometimes resting on the his knee on the 9th and putted by everyone. Ballesteros, for

The Scot who first said: "If there's nae wind, it's nae gowf," would have sniffed disapprovingly at the conditions here yesterday. In the morning there was a blue of Mediterranean clarity overhead and in the stillness of the glade where the 1st tee is halfcircled in an embrace of trees. it was so quiet that it was possible to forget the competi-

tors were teeing-off.
The course looked as though it should have been there for taking. Nevertheless, it had too much spirit to be subdued

The highlight of his otherwise modest round came when he slashed a wild drive to the right of the 16th and then birdied the hole. "This time there were no cars," he said, laughing. Ballesteros could do no wrong in front of an adoring gallery and could do little right from the tee. John Daly, the defending

champion, scorched to the turn in 31 only to bogey four holes coming home for a 70, one under par.

When you wake up in the morning and see the condisaid. "You have good greens in front of you and it's time to go. No wind at a British Open is very unusual."

emphasised his concern at the number of withdrawals by Americans this year, saying that II US PGA Tour professionals had signed up to try to qualify and four had withdrawn. "That is a poor ratio," he said.

"If you are a young American and you are trying to get your card maybe you should stay at home. But this is the Olympics of golf."

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67: F Couples (US), M McCumber (US), H Tanaka (Japan), B Faxon (US), M O'Meara (US), T Lehman (US), L Roberts (US), M Prodes (US) Brooks (US).

68: N Faldo, P Harrington, S Maruyama (Japan), J Furyk (US), E Els (SA), N Price

69; J Maggert (US), P McGinley, J Nicklaus (US), M Jonzon (Swe), V Singh (Fiji), M McNuity (Zim), R Mediate 70; P Stewart (US), F Zoeller (US),

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71: M Mackenzie, D Gilford, I: M Mackenzie, D Gilford, L Westwood, R Charles (NZ), D A Weibring (US), G Norman (Aus), S Stricker (US), M Welch, B Lane, S Simpson (US), C Rocca (It), C Strange (US), S Ames (Tinn), C Stadler (US), A Lyle, T Hamilton (US), G Player (SA), P Mitchell.

72: A Langenaeken (Bel), R Willison, J Parnevik (Swe), P Jacobsen (US), J Haeggman

S Field, R Chapman, I Steel, D Smyth, A Lebouc (Fr), M Litton, R Boxall, W Austin (US), S Luna (Sp), M Calcavecchia (US), G Brand Jr, P Mickelson (US), A Cottant, R Goosen (SA), P

73: P McFarlane, S Jones (US), W Riley (Aus), P O'Malley (Aus), T Tolles (US), Y Kaneko (Japan), C Montgomene, B Estes (US), P Eales. E Darcy, A Sherborne, * W Bladon, B Barnes, A Cejka (Ger), B Crenshaw (US).

74: J Rivero (Sp), R Allenby (Aus), S Ballesteros (Sp), P Senior (Aus), D Borrego (Sp), F Tarnaud (Fr), B McColl, S Cage, L Janzen (US), T Herron (US), C Parry (Aus), P Azinger (US).

75: B Langer (Ger), A Forsbrand (Swe), M A Jiménez (Sp), A Mednick (Swe), *S Allan (Aus), S Eikington (Aus), S Higashi (Japan), *T Woods (US), J Robson, I Woosnam, M Campbell (NZ).

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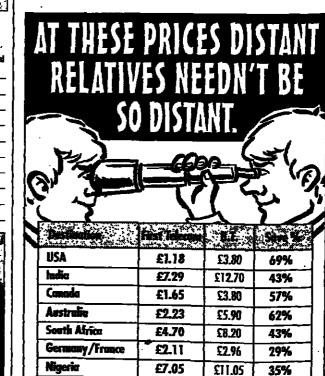
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